

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

**HQ FILE: 100-50869**

**SECTION 19**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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February 26, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 18, 1964, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. You may be assured, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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4-17-62 Internal Security Statement  
"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"

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February 18, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am taking the liberty of writing you trusting that you will forward this letter to an appropriate department for answer. I am concerned about attacks made by our own clergymen concerning the Communist influence in and subversive activities of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. ~~I believe that many of these charges are unfounded.~~ I would appreciate the opinion of the F.B.I. in regard to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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February 24, 1964

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of February 18th and want to thank you for your interest in my speech, "Keys to Freedom."

The FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. You may be assured, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the National Council of Churches.

With respect to Mr. Dan Smoot, he was employed by the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned. His personal ventures and his opinions and comments are strictly his own and this Bureau is unable to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Enclosed is some literature which I hope will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

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4-1-61 LEB Introduction

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Feb. 18, 1964

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Thank you for the 3 "Keys to Freedom," which I have carefully read and passed out to other people.

Now, there is a controversy here in our state, and it is so very important to find out exactly what is true and what is not true, that I am writing directly to you. You are the one Rock of Gibraltar that I can turn to and find the truth. I have faith in you, Mr. Hoover.

We must know if the Dan Smoot Reports are reliable and true. The Jan. 13, 1964 Dan Smoot Report says Dan Smoot worked for the F. B. I. from 1942 to 1951. It also says, "The Federal Council of Churches was organized in 1908. By the middle 30's it was so heavily infiltrated with Communists that the Office of Naval Intelligence branded it subversive. By 1950, it was losing support because of its pro-communist extremism. A change of name but not of policy nor leadership was effected. In 1950, the Federal Council merged with 7 other church organizations and formed the National Council of Churches. The old Federal Council leaders became the leaders of the National Council of Churches. Thus 28 million church members became members of the National Council of Churches by the arbitrary action of a few score delegates at the Cleveland convention. The question was never submitted to individual church congregations for approval or ratification. Today, the National Council represents the hierarchy of 33 cooperating Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations whose total lay membership is estimated at 40 million." There is a lot more also.

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Is this true that, "There is probably no activity of the National Council of Churches more objectionable than the Council's debunking of American patriotism and its relentless propaganda for a one-world socialist super-state which would eliminate not only the independence of our Republic but our identity as a nation," as is printed in the Dan Smoot Report?

We have to know what to believe.

Do you have leaflets telling the truth that I can pass around to my friends and churches? Please help us.

Sincerely yours,



February 24, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of February 16th and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped that our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiries, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, information contained in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Further, the FBI does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. You may be assured, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the National Council of Churches.

In response to your request, I am enclosing literature which includes suggestions all of us can use in combatting the menace of communism. Perhaps you may also wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help Americans gain an insight into the strategy and tactics of communism, both in this country and abroad. These books may be available at your local library.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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**Enclosures (5)**

**4-17-62 Internal Security Statement**

**Counterintelligence Activities**

**Let's Fight Communism Sanely!**

**4-1-61 LEB Introduction**

**Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism**

**NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.**

16 February 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

May God, Bless you and your courageous work. I have long admired the fine endeavor of your staff with you as a leader of many talents.

I am most interested in obtaining data on the following:

Communist inspired influence on — The National Council of Churches,  
The various youth movements  
under fine sounding names or  
clubs,  
The schools and colleges,  
and The various churches,  
by name.

When has your department investigated and cleared The National Council of Churches? Their claim of recent date gleans the fact that they have been investigated and found clear by your department. This leads me to believe that if such an investigation took place, it was a long time past.

Please send me all the pamphlets and data that you are at liberty to publicize as I have a ~~major~~ job to do exposing such to the voters and good citizenry of this wonderful United States of ours.

As you will note being Chairman of Citizens Council is no little obligation. I think that most of the local people of this community will certify to my honor, true endeavor and desire to promote the well fare of this country of mine.

Any fees or expenditures necessary for obtaining the above mentioned books or pamphlets will be billed to me along with shipment of same if possible.

Yours truly,

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 15th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. You may be assured, however, that this Bureau has not investigated this group.

I am enclosing some material I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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Feb. 15, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing you in hopes you may have some information concerning the National Council of Churches. In the last week I have had several phone calls from persons I did not know making charges against the National Council and have had members of our congregation give me editorials from the paper or reports such as "The Dan Smoot Report".

I do not know anything about the latter but he says he was a member of the FBI from 1942 - 1951.

Frankly, I do not know much about the National Council except statements concerning organization and purpose which anyone could write. I am anxious to know. If I can support what they are I am willing to do so, but if they are communistic I would have to withdraw. Have you made a statement concerning the Council which I could get? If you have not made one could you make one or tell me where I could get some information which you consider reliable?

I realize that you do not know me and further do not know what use I would make of the material. I have been in the Methodist Ministry for twenty-three years am a graduate of two of our Methodist schools. I have tried to be an active citizen where ever we have lived. Our church is located in the [redacted] I would like to be able to quote the material I receive. I do not plan to write anything but am desirous of being able to give some answers when I am asked about the Council of Churches and what it is doing.

I thank you for your kind consideration and hope you will feel you can give me this information.

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Mailing List

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February 14, 1964

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 6, 1964, has been received and I can understand the concern prompting your communication.

In response to your inquiry, a representative of this Bureau did talk to the group you mentioned; however, they were not given any information from our files to substantiate their conclusion. The FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, information contained in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why we did not furnish any information nor make an evaluation for this group and we will not do so for any other group. Any conclusions drawn by them were strictly their own.

You may be assured, however, that the FBI has not investigated the National Council of Churches, and I am enclosing some material I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**4/17/62 Internal Security Statement**

**4/1/61 LEB Introduction**

**Let's Fight Communism Sanely!**

**Faith in God -- Our Answer to Communism**

**NOTE: No derogatory information appears in Bufiles concerning correspondent. The "study council" of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church and its meeting with representatives of the FBI apparently refers to Assistant Director William C. Sullivan's meet with representatives of this group on 2/8/63. In response to the Director's inquiry concerning an article entitled "Church Group Deplores Red Tag on Council" which appeared in the Evening Star on 1/30/64, Mr. Sullivan explained the circumstances concerning this situation wherein he outlined the Bureau's position in regard to religion and communism. The Bureau's official position was readily explained to them and Mr. Sullivan has advised that since the FBI could not give them positive data as to communist infiltration, that this group has concluded there has been no penetration or influence. In essence, this group has taken advantage of the Bureau's position and has utilized our stand as an implied clearance.**

[REDACTED]  
February 6, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In an Associated Press release of January 31, 1964, the Joint Commission on Ecumenical Relations of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church was quoted as saying some of the criticism of the National Council of Churches comes from political extremists.

In the same article the "study council" is quoted as follows: "Nevertheless, we have tried honestly to investigate their accusations to the effect that the NCC is a Communist conspiracy or that it harbors Communist sympathizers and allies. In their examination, therefore, members of our study committee met with personnel of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but were not able to discover any fact or record that would support such charges. We conclude that they are false."

I would like to know whether this quotation is accurate from the F.B.I.'s viewpoint. I would also like to know if you could provide such a service (such as that which the "study council" claims to have received from you) for any other church-sponsored group for any other individual wishing the same information.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Very truly yours,  
[REDACTED]

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EX. 111

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 14, 1964, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. You may be assured, however, that this Bureau has not investigated this group.

Enclosed is some literature which I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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4/17/62 Internal Security Statement  
My Answer to Communism and Crime  
NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles.

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Feb. 14, 1964

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of F. B. I.  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that the National Council of Churches is controlled or dominated by subversives. Is this true or has it been true in the past? I would appreciate being informed.

Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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Feb 14, 1964

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of F. B. I.  
Washington D. C.

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Yours truly,

[Redacted signature]

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February 19, 1964

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of February 13th.

With respect to your inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. You may be assured, however, that this Bureau has not investigated this group.

I am enclosing some material I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Feb. 13, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I was told last week that the high officers in the National Council of Churches were communist. If this is true, in whom can we trust?

Could you and would you tell me the truth concerning this matter? I want it for my own benefit.

Sincerely,  
[Redacted]

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Feb. 13, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Could you and would you tell me the truth concerning this matter? I want it for my own benefit.

Sincerely,  


RESPONDENCE

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February 18, 1964

EX 104

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 11th, with enclosure, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, I cannot comment as you requested since the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. You may like to know, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (4)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

Faith In Freedom

4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. Reverend [Redacted] is a Baptist minister in [Redacted] who strongly supports the House Committee on Un-American Activities and has been quite outspoken in his opposition to communism. We have had cordial correspondence with him.

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Feb. 11, 1964

Hon. J.E. Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am a retired schoolteacher, and now I am frightened by the state of Euphoria ( I believe the is a new word meaning complacency) toward our nation in regards to the discarding of our American principles, and the toleration of Leftist leanings. In fact a few of us in our small town are called " crackpots ", because we resent the literature sent to us by the National Council of Churches, and refuse to swallow it.

I was teaching in a small school in California during the storming of the UnAmerican Activities Committee by students in San Francisco. At night I would listen to a radio program called Viewpoint, and I really got an earful. Once in a while some brave soul would say something nice about our country.

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FEB 19 1964

Here is why I'm writing you. Are the ~~statements~~ on the enclosed sheet of paper true ? Some churches in Louisiana have had the courage to withdraw from the Nat'l Council, but most of us are

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CORRESPONDENCE

If you can answer this letter, please do. I need some

ammunition.

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## RED CHURCHMEN

The Deadly Parallel Between Some Objectives of the National Council of churches and the Criminal Conspiracy of the Communist Party USA

By Rev. G. Archer Weniger, D.D.

May 20, 1961

Dr. J. B. Matthews, writing in the American Mercury, November 1953, stated, "Anybody who is even moderately well informed on the subject of the communist conspiracy knows that the largest single group supporting the communist apparatus today is composed of Protestant clergymen." Compilations of the public records of pro-communist involvements of more than 7,000 Protestant ministers are now available to the public in book form, mostly from the Circuit Riders, Inc. (110 Government Place, Cincinnati 2, Ohio). Anyone who denies Red Influence among the clergy is either ignorant, deceitful, or insane.

Left wing author Ralph L. Roy estimates that Communist Party members among the clergy do not exceed 200. This is probably too high. Close to 10,000 ministers, however, are being used wittingly or unwittingly by the communist apparatus. Most of these ministers are in the National Council of Churches. J. Edgar Hoover stated, "I confess to a real apprehension so long as communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to do their evil work." Herbert Philbrick has said, "We are losing the fight for freedom--there are more names of ministers than any other profession on the list of communist supporters in this country."

The major goal of the Communist Party in its program to conquer and enslave the world is to render America militarily weak and psychologically impotent, so that the nation will become demoralized when the demand for surrender is made by the Kremlin. In a fantastically successful way this goal is being achieved through scientifically manipulating other groups such as the National Council of Churches. The Party estimates that one sympathetic clergyman outside the Party has 250 times the influence that a card-carrying member has inside the Party.

### NATIONAL COUNCIL AND COMMUNIST OBJECTIVES THE SAME

Consider these identical NCC-CP objectives which cumulatively have a treasonable effect upon America, the last bastion of freedom:

1. Peaceful co-existence with the godless powers of communism.
2. Abolition of all congressional investigative committees on communism.
3. Total disarmament, leaving America weak before Soviet might.
4. Complete ban on all types of nuclear weapons testing.
5. Elimination of all loyalty-security laws protecting the U.S.
6. Outlawing all loyalty oaths at all levels of government.
7. Discrediting J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI as part of "police state."
8. Revision of Immigration and Passport laws protecting against Reds.
9. Recognition of Red China by U.S. and admission to the United Nations.
10. Complete forced integration and inter-marrying of the races.
11. Replacement of the present capitalist system with social revolution.
12. Increasing foreign aid to communist nations and satellite powers.
13. Clemency for convicted communist spies against America.
14. Abandonment of all military alliances in keeping the peace.
15. Destruction of Selective Service Act and all military draft laws.
16. Defeat of the Bricker Amendment outlawing secret treaties.
17. Repeal of the Connally Reservation protecting U.S. security.
18. Willing subjection to majority vote of U.N. over U.S. internal policy.
19. Scientific reconstruction of religion on basis of materialism.

These common objectives, which are common to both the Communist Party and the National Council of Churches, are some of the reasons why the First Baptist Church of Wichi-

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ta, Kansas, the largest of the American Baptist Convention, recently withdrew from the NCC; why the St. Mark's Church of Shreveport, the largest Episcopal Church in Louisiana, separated from the NCC; and why the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, the strategic first Baptist Church of all California, repudiated the National Council of Churches. Judged by these common goals with the Communist Party, the National Council of Churches is considered by many as one of the most subversive forces in America today.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

1. Immediate withholding of all funds which could go to the NCC.
2. Refusal to purchase the RSV Bible which provides a handsome royalty for the financial undergirding of NCC socialistic program.
3. Action to disassociate the denominational grouping from the NCC, otherwise withdrawal of the local church from the denomination.
4. Identification with a biblically-true, patriotically-loyal and theologically-sound church where the historic Christian faith is proclaimed.

Ezekiel 34:1-6; Jeremiah 23:16-18, 21-22, 25-32; Matthew 7:15-23; Acts 20:28-31; II Peter 2:1-3; II Corinthians 11:13-15; Jude 3,4.

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of February 9th, with enclosure, and I can understand the concern prompting your communication.

With respect to your inquiries, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Further, this Bureau does not have a list of sources such as you mentioned available for distribution. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along some of the lines you have suggested.

I am, however, enclosing literature which includes suggestions all of us can use in combating the evil of communism. Perhaps you may also wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help Americans gain an insight into the strategy and tactics of communism, both in this country and abroad. These books may be available in your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
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- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
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February 9, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed you will find a pamphlet given to me recently by a friend. Although I am not a member of an active anti-communist group I am very disturbed by the information herein because I am trying to live a Christian life, have a firm belief in God, and our country. I would like the following information:

- (1) Does your organization screen information such as this for accuracy in fact and if so, is it possible for an individual to receive a copy of the report. (San Smoot publications) 3
- (2) Understanding that a typical communist trick is to divide the people--has the organization propagating this information ever been identified as such an operation?
- (3) Can you direct me to sources of information which will further enlighten me on the communist influence that may be operating within the National Council of Churches. *of Christ in the*
- (4) Have you published any specific information which tells what we thinking citizens should do about counteracting these influences. *430*
- (5) Would you recommend distribution of this pamphlet to all anti-communist people we individuals come in contact with?

After listening to a recent lecture by Mr. Skousen I feel compelled to do something---please give me some suggestions?

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Respectfully,  
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## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

In a speech at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on January 6, 1964, Senator Barry Goldwater, saying that a "mind fed by communism" produced the assassination of President Kennedy, declared:

"To anyone who blames America for the tragedy which struck in Dallas, I say you libel our people and purposely misread our politics. It was not a mind nurtured by American philosophy that turned to violence . . . .

"Mark this well — the day we permit anyone to equate protest with hate, we will set the stage for one-party tyranny and the end of open debate. To anyone who says that honest opposition breeds hatred, I say you lie — that you pervert the very basis of our government."<sup>(1)</sup>

America urgently needs leadership which expresses such wholesome national pride and such simple, forthright accuracy in evaluating momentous events. Compare the tone of Goldwater's remarks — in a fund-raising political speech — with that found in the pronouncements of America's "religious" leaders just a month before, when the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. met in its Sixth General Assembly at Philadelphia, December 1 to 7, 1963.

Much of the speech-making at the Assembly was devoted to commentary on the assassination of President Kennedy. J. Irwin Miller, retiring President of the National Council, said:

"And now in this last shocking week, like birds of ill-omen, all our fears, our unharnessed hates, our selfishness which we have tried to rename 'Liberty' — they have all come home in one dreadful act, and have forced us to our knees in shame . . . ."<sup>(2)</sup>

In a formal "Message To The Churches," the Sixth General Assembly of the National Council of Churches said:

"With the loss of our President we . . . . see . . . the disclosure of mounting hatreds in the nation which threaten our very structure as a democracy . . . . In recent days we have looked upon the incredible horror of hate in our nation the full extent of which remains unknown . . . . Surely we are under the judgment of God."<sup>(3)</sup>

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The Reverend Dr. Franklin J. Littell (official of the National Council who has (Communist-front record) alleged that criminalism of the National Council comes from "America's spiritual underworld" and compared it with "attacks" which can be found in communist newspapers and in the "captive press under the Nazis."<sup>(4)</sup>

The "racial question" in the United States was the principal topic of discussion and action at the National Council's Sixth General Assembly. The Assembly endorsed all provisions of the proposed Civil Rights Act of 1963, including specifically the controversial "public accommodations" section. It demanded that Congress "take every step necessary" to pass the Bill. It urged all Christians to write, call, or telegraph their representatives; and it sent busloads of Assembly delegates to call on U. S. Representatives in Washington and demand speedy vote on the measure.<sup>(5)</sup>

The National Council of Churches represents church organizations whose total lay membership is estimated at 40 million. The implication is that 40 million American Christians approve of lobbying, on the part of their churches, for the Civil Rights Bill.<sup>(6)</sup> The implication is false. The National Council of Churches utilizes the prestige of 40 million American Christians and of their churches, but does not express their will. It expresses the will of officials who control the National Council. Indeed, many activities of the Council are objectionable, if not repulsive, to the millions of Americans whose church donations help support the Council.

## The Council Created Itself

The Federal Council of Churches was organized in 1908. By the middle thirties, it was so heavily infiltrated with communists that the Office of Naval Intelligence branded it a subversive group.<sup>(7)</sup>

By 1950, pro-communist extremism in the Council was so apparent that the organization

was losing public support. A change of name — but not of policy or leadership — was effected. In November, 1950, the Federal Council merged with 7 other church organizations<sup>(8)</sup> and formed the National Council of Churches. The old Federal Council leaders became the leaders of the National Council. The Federal Council *Bulletin* for December, 1950, officially announced that "All the work of the Federal Council will continue under the new auspices."<sup>(9)</sup>

This "constituting convention" was held in Cleveland, Ohio. Delegates of 28 church denominations took their whole church families into the National Council. Thus, denominational churches with a total membership of something like 28 million people became members of the National Council of Churches by the arbitrary action of a few score delegates at the Cleveland convention. The question was never submitted to individual church congregations for approval or ratification. Today, the National Council represents the hierarchy of 33 cooperating Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations<sup>(10)</sup> whose total lay membership is estimated at 40 million.

## The Repulsive

In 1957, the department of racial and cultural relations of the National Council of Churches published a 40-page pamphlet entitled "The Negro American — A Reading List." It was a recommended reading list of 240 books for church people — both children and adults.

On April 20, 1960, United States Representative Donald L. Jackson (Republican, California) discussed the National Council's reading list in a speech to the House. Some books on the list contain passages so filthy that Mr. Jackson, in deference to good taste, refused to put sample passages into the *Congressional Record*. He told of a California housewife who, trying to alert other adults, quoted passages from some of the books, but was told by Postal officials that the material was too obscene to mail. Mr. Jackson did, however, discuss a few of the authors:

(1) One of Victor Perlo's books is on the National Council's reading list. The book was published in 1953 by International Publishers, major communist book-publishing firm in the United States. Victor Perlo, a communist, was at one time head of a Soviet espionage group inside the U. S. Government.<sup>(10)</sup>

(2) One of Herbert Aptheker's books is on the National Council's list of recommended books for church people. Aptheker is one of the chief theoreticians of the communist party in the United States.<sup>(11)</sup>

(3) The late W. E. B. Du Bois was for many years the leading negro communist in the United States, a hero of international communism. A few years before his death, Du Bois told an audience of Chinese communists, in Peking, that the United States is an enemy of Africa, saying, "Beware, Africa, America bargains for your soul." He urged Africans to "arise" and join the Soviet bloc. Commenting upon the trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg (Soviet spies), Du Bois said of the American people:

"We are the murderers hurling mud. We are the witchhunters drinking blood."<sup>(12)</sup>

In a poem praising communist China, Du Bois wrote these lines:

"Down then, religion and church . . . away myth and miracle, creed and dogma. Rejoice, honesty, God lives again! But not your God, Europe and America! Not that, not that; No Christ to kill, no faith to fan. What China worships is a man. A workingman."

One of W. E. B. Du Bois' books is on the National Council of Churches' list of "best" books "safe to recommend for children."

(4) Shirley Graham, wife of the late W. E. B. Du Bois, was also a leading American communist. The National Council of Churches' reading list recommends six of her books.<sup>(13)</sup>

(5) Gene Weltfish, who has an extensive communist front record, was dismissed from Columbia University in 1953 after she had accused the United States of waging germ warfare in Korea. The late Ruth Benedict also had an extensive communist record. A book by Weltfish and Benedict is on the National Council of Churches' recommended reading list.<sup>(14)</sup>

(6) Gunnar Myrdal is a Swedish socialist. His son is an official of the communist party in Sweden. Myrdal's book, *An American Dilemma*,

criticizes the United States Constitution as "impractical and ill-suited for modern conditions." It accuses the Founding Fathers of intrigue which made the "Constitutional Convention . . . nearly a plot against the common people." *An American Dilemma* is on the National Council of Churches' recommended reading list for American church people.<sup>(15)</sup>

(7) E. Franklin Frazier, a writer for communist publications who has been associated with dozens of communist fronts, has two books on the National Council of Churches' reading list. One of the two books—*The Negro In The United States*—has been favorably reviewed in at least two communist party newspapers, the *Daily Worker* and the *People's World*.<sup>(16)</sup>

(8) Alan Lomax has been associated with 15 or more communist fronts and has been active as an entertainer at communist meetings. A book by Alan and John Lomax is on the National Council of Churches' reading list.<sup>(17)</sup>

(9) Benjamin A. Botkin, who has been associated with 15 communist fronts, has one book on the National Council's reading list.<sup>(18)</sup>

(10) Langston Hughes, for years a leading communist,<sup>(19)</sup> who wrote the blasphemous poem "Goodbye Christ," has 9 books on the National Council's reading list.<sup>(20)</sup>

William Graham Cole wrote a pamphlet entitled *Called To Responsible Freedom: The Meaning of Sex In The Christian Life*. The Office of Publication and Distribution of the National Council of Churches (475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York) published the pamphlet in 1961 for The United Christian Youth Movement.

There are words in this National Council of Churches pamphlet which I will not, in respect to the good taste of my readers, repeat in my *Report*; but I have extracted enough to reveal not only a preoccupation with erotica, but a falsification of the meaning of Scriptures. The pamphlet is written as a dialogue between the author and a teenager, in a style and language which the author, apparently, considers suitable for American youth.

Here is some of the author's counsel to the im-

aginary teenager about sex and freedom and the Word of God:

"We are asking you to take a look at what the Bible has to say about this whole problem . . . . You may be surprised to discover how much sense this dusty old book makes. For instance, I am sure you think the Bible takes a dim view of sex in general — all that jazz about 'Thou shalt not' and anybody who even thinks about sex is already guilty. The fact is, however, that the Bible as a whole is not only strongly in favor of sex, but also surprisingly frank about it . . . . There is no suggestion anywhere that anyone should be celibate . . . .

"Jesus had his greatest difficulty with a group of characters known as Pharisees . . . . If they were around today (and some of them are!), they would have your relationships with the opposite sex regulated totally. Holding hands in the back seat of a theatre would be permitted as would a chaste good night kiss at the door, providing only the lips met without further bodily contact. You could neck in a parked car for six minutes and thirty seconds, but no longer, and there would be carefully detailed rules about what you could and could not do . . . .

"Well, both Jesus and the Apostle Paul were seeking to set men free from this sort of legalistic bondage . . . .

"You're being pulled in two directions today. One group says to you, 'Be free!' No rules, no holds barred, anything goes. On the other side, you are told, 'Be responsible!' Live according to the rules of society, the dictates of your parents, and the faith of your church. Now 'the Christian life' occupies a point in no-man's land between these two opposing camps. It says a yes and a no to both sides. For the Christian there are no laws, no rules, no regulations . . . . But this does not mean that the Christian is irresponsible, selfish, and capricious. He must always be concerned about the effect of his actions on those around him . . . .

"Do you think there are definite rules governing your behaviour on a date? If so, then you can stop right here. You have no problem. You know all the answers . . . . But if you are just a little bit unsure . . . then we can continue our discussion . . . .

"The trouble with most of society's codes of sexual morality is that they are almost entirely concerned with the group, forgetting about the needs and the problems of the individual . . . .

"Officially, Western civilization has for some

time now banned all sexual activity . . . before marriage and decreed that monogamous fidelity until death shall be the standard governing all men. It has tried to block irresponsible sexual activity by building up walls of guilt and shame and anxiety about the whole business, seeking to frighten the young into conformity with the rules. The net effect has been to make people feel that sex is 'dirty,' unclean, shameful — something nice people never discuss and seldom do except in strictest privacy and then primarily for purposes of parenthood.

"It is against this shadow of silence and shame that many a modern has revolted . . . . This revolt is, of course, correct. Sex is a God-given fact of nature . . . .

"Our culture declares that all sexual activity within marriage is legal, proper, and good, while any such activity outside marriage is illicit, sinful, and wrong. This is to ignore the personal dimension of life . . . . You and I know perfectly well that there are many marriages that are simply matters of convenience, that such sex as goes on within in them is selfish, exploitative, and evil. We know further that there is sexual contact between unmarried couples that is motivated by love and which is pure and on occasions beautiful . . . .

"The real essence of immorality, from the biblical standpoint, is for one human being to treat another as a thing and not as a person . . . .

"The crucial question to be asked about any sexual contact — from holding hands to complete intercourse — is not so much what is done as what is meant. A relatively mild necking session can mean a crude and selfish abuse of a person as a mere object while a more intense type of petting can mean that two human beings are expressing a genuine and deep love for each other. This is why the attempt to set up elaborate rules governing dating behaviour is so silly. Is it all right to hold hands but wrong to pet? Society seems to say so, but then society has only its external concern. It cares little or nothing for any motivation, only for results . . . . But as Christians we are very much concerned with inner motivation . . . .

"In the personal, individual sense, then, what justifies and sanctifies sexuality is not the external marital status of the people before the law but rather what they feel toward each other in their hearts. Measured in such a way, holding hands can be very wrong indeed while intimate sex-play can be right and good . . . .

"Christian freedom . . . involves inner transformation, a free acceptance of the law of love . . . . When you live by that law, there is no bondage and no struggle but spontaneous self-fulfillment . . . . You are not bound by detailed rules of behaviour, telling you it is 'all right' to go so far in expressing affection for a member of the opposite sex and all wrong to go farther. No one outside yourself can tell you that — not really. That is a decision you must make for yourself in each concrete situation. With one person it may be wrong to do anything at all because it would be false and cheap, while with another you may find yourself entering into a gradually deepening intimacy in which you discover yourself . . . .

"You have got to make up your own mind, in the best light of your own conscience, what your own standards of conduct are going to be, and then do your best to live up to them. No one else can tell you. And face it, you may be wrong . . . .

"The Christian faith is based on forgiveness, so this is not our real problem . . . . the Epistle to the Hebrews would have us continue to run the race, looking to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, rather than look back in remorse over the times that we stumble . . . ."

## The Objectionable

There is probably no activity of the National Council of Churches more objectionable to most Americans than the Council's debunking of American patriotism and its relentless propaganda for a one-world socialist super-state which would eliminate not only the independence of our Republic but our identity as a nation.

Years before the Council adopted its present name, it was clearly on record as an advocate of reducing America to the status of a province in a socialist one-world.

On March 16, 1942, *Time* magazine reported the highlights of a report adopted by 375 delegates of the Federal Council of Churches attending a National Study Conference held that month at Ohio Wesleyan University. The report, submitted by the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace, called for:

"Ultimately, world government of delegated powers.' Complete abandonment of U. S. isolationism. Strong immediate limitations on national sovereignty. International control of all armies & navies. A universal system of money . . . . Worldwide freedom of immigration. Progressive elimination of all tariff and quota restrictions on world trade . . . . A 'democratically controlled' international bank 'to make development capital available in all parts of the world without the predatory and imperialistic aftermath so characteristic of large-scale private and governmental loans.'"

The conference concluded:

"Many duties now performed by local and national governments 'can now be effectively carried out only by international authority.' Individual nations . . . must give up their armed forces 'except for preservation of domestic order' and allow the world to be policed by an international army & navy . . . .

"The ultimate goal: 'a duly constituted world government of delegated powers: an international legislative body, an international court with adequate jurisdiction, international administrative bodies with necessary powers, and adequate international police forces and provision for enforcing its worldwide economic authority.'"

Three years later — 1945 — the Federal Council of Churches was one of 42 national non-governmental organizations invited to send delegates to the international conference, at San Francisco, which founded the United Nations.<sup>(13)</sup> Support for the United Nations, and for efforts to "strengthen" and expand U N functions, has been a major policy goal of the National Council of Churches since the Council was formed.<sup>(14)</sup> The UN represents a step toward a one-world socialist super-state, which is a primary goal of the Council (just as it is the primary goal of the international communist conspiracy).

The United Nations is a godless organization in which no Christian would ever be permitted to testify officially to the saving grace of Jesus Christ; in which no Jew would be permitted to expound the principles of his own religious faith. The governmental principles expressed in the

United Nations Charter are alien, and sharply inimical, to the governmental principles expressed in the American Constitution and Bill of Rights. Yet, large numbers of American Christians and Jews—and Americans of other faiths or of no faith—believe that the UN is a noble organization deserving praise and militant support. Responsibility for this wide-spread ignorance can be attributed in large measure to propaganda of the National Council of Churches (together with that of other "religious" organizations, Jewish and Catholic, which cooperate with the Council's political ecumenism).

National Council officials realize that mass support for world government can never be created in the United States until Americans abandon their *national* pride. Hence, debunking patriotism—subtly inculcating the notion that love of one's own country is somehow evil—is an insistent refrain in the National Council's pronouncements. This fact can be seen in speeches of Council officials at the December, 1963, meeting of the Sixth General Assembly. *America is a land of hate, violence, and bigotry, whose people have shown insufficient concern for the rest of the world*: this is a theme which can be found in major speeches to the Sixth General Assembly of the National Council of Churches.

Christians generally feel that their faith lays upon them a responsibility to share their material blessings—to give aid to others in need; but giving is an individual responsibility, which must be discharged voluntarily. The decision to give (when, how much, and to whom) must be made by the individual, prayerfully and in response to his own conscience. When the federal government confiscates the earnings of people for "giving" to someone else (at home or abroad) it not only violates the Constitution, but also robs individuals of the means of giving in response to conscience.

All of this should be obvious; but the National Council of Churches distorts the obvious. The Council supports every totalitarian welfare-state and foreign aid program, with the spurious argu-

ment that "we" as a nation have a Christian responsibility to help others less opulent. Some of the Council's most ludicrous misrepresentations of Scriptures are in its arguments for foreign aid. Note this passage from "The Message To The Churches" adopted by the Sixth General Assembly of the National Council:

"As churches, we must actively support the United Nations and adequate aid for developing nations . . . bearing in mind our Christian injunction to feed our enemies as well as our friends and neighbors."

Robbing Americans of the fruits of labor for aid to godless dictators abroad is a *Christian* commandment?

## What To Do

The National Council of Churches is a powerful political and legislative lobby for socialism, hiding behind the facade of a Christian name. As a "religious" organization, it enjoys tax-exemption, which means, among other things, that contributions to the Council are tax deductible.

On page 7 of *Instructions for Preparing Your Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 for 1963*, the Internal Revenue Service says that gifts to a religious or any other organization are not deductible for federal income tax purposes if the organization "conducts propaganda or otherwise attempts to influence legislation." Was the National Council not attempting to influence legislation in sending busloads of people to Washington to lobby for the Civil Rights Bill, and in urging all church people to lobby for it? If the Internal Revenue Service would apply, to the National Council of Churches, this rule which it enforces upon tax-paying citizens and other organizations, the National Council of Churches would die from want of revenue. The organization is **not** legally entitled to its tax-exempt status.

The people, through Congress, could compel the IRS to require National Council compliance with the Revenue Code; but it is unlikely that this will ever be done.

In a Resolution adopted by the Sixty-Sixth General Assembly, the National Council of Churches urged all churches (in their corporate investments as well as in their purchasing and contracting) to institute an economic boycott against all business firms whose employment practices are not pleasing to officials of the National Council.<sup>(1)</sup>

Church members could use this same weapon of economic boycott. If your church supports the National Council, a portion of everything you give to your church goes to the Council. If all Church members who do not agree with policies of the National Council of Churches stopped their church giving until their churches withdrew from the Council, the National Council of Churches would probably die very soon, from lack of support. This can be done. In a small way, it has already been started.

You who want to help should make maximum effort to get copies of this *Report*, and similar material, into the hands of church people throughout the United States.

#### FOOTNOTES

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- (6) For detailed discussion of the Civil Rights Bill, see this *Report*, "Civil Rights Act of 1963," July 1, 1963
- (7) Remarks of U. S. Representative Clare E. Hoffman (R., Mich.), *Congressional Record* (daily), March 3, 1960, p. 3993-4
- (8) *The Encyclopedia Americana*, 1961 Edition, Volume XIX, p. 729
- (9) *The Triennial Report*, 1960, of the National Council of Churches lists the following 33 "Member Communions," on page 261:
  - 1) African Methodist Episcopal Church
  - 2) African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
  - 3) American Baptist Convention
  - 4) American Evangelical Lutheran Church
  - 5) Armenian Church of America Diocese (including Diocese of California)
  - 6) Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church
  - 7) Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ)
  - 8) Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
  - 9) Church of the Brethren
  - 10) The Evangelical United Brethren Church
  - 11) Five Years Meeting of Friends
  - 12) Greek Archdiocese of North and South America
  - 13) Hungarian Reformed Church in America
  - 14) The Methodist Church
  - 15) The Moravian Church in America

## WHO IS DAN SMOOT?

Born in Missouri, reared in Texas, Dan Smoot went to SMU in Dallas, getting BA and MA degrees in 1938 and 1940. In 1941, he joined the faculty at Harvard as a Teaching Fellow in English, doing graduate work for a doctorate in American Civilization.

In 1942, he left Harvard and joined the FBI. As an FBI Agent, he worked for three and a half years on communist investigations in the industrial Midwest; two years on FBI headquarters staff in Washington; and almost four years on general FBI cases in various parts of the nation.

In 1951, Smoot resigned from the FBI and helped start Facts Forum. On Facts Forum radio and television programs, Smoot spoke to a national audience, giving *both* sides of controversial issues.

In July, 1955, he resigned and started his present independent publishing and broadcasting business — a free-enterprise operation financed entirely by profits from sales: sales of *The Dan Smoot Report*, a weekly magazine; and sales of a weekly news-analysis broadcast, to business firms, for use on radio and television as an advertising vehicle. The *Report* and the broadcast give only *one* side in presenting documented truth about important issues — the side that uses the American Constitution as a yardstick. The *Report* is available by subscription; and the broadcasts are available for commercial sponsorship, anywhere in the United States.

If you think Dan Smoot is providing effective tools for Americans fighting socialism and communism, you can help immensely — by helping him get more customers for his *Report* and broadcasts.

- 16) National Baptist Convention of America
- 17) National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.
- 18) Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
- 19) Polish National Catholic Church of America
- 20) Presbyterian Church in the United States
- 21) Protestant Episcopal Church
- 22) Reformed Church in America
- 23) Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America
- 24) Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America
- 25) Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church
- 26) Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
- 27) Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church
- 28) Syrian (Orthodox) Church of Antioch
- 29) Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America
- 30) United Church of Christ: Evangelical and Reformed Church; General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches

- 31) The United Lutheran Church in America
- 32) United Methodist Church in the U.S.A.
- 33) Unity of the Brethren
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In connection with the individuals you mentioned, information contained in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

I am enclosing some material I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (4)  
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4-61 LEBIntroduction re Communism  
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

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February 7, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

No doubt you have read recently an editorial in The Nashville Banner, Nashville, Tennessee, or a copy of this editorial in another newspaper, stating that the Emergency Commission on Religion and Race of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. sponsored a meeting of the Youth Ministry Consultation on Race, at which meeting it was suggested that young people disobey their parents and engage in racial demonstrations in defiance of the law. This, I believe, is the well known Communist technique.

My reason for writing you is that I am on a committee of the Stewards of [redacted] Methodist Church [redacted] to investigate and report on the National Council of Churches and to recommend whether or not we should continue support of this organization by our Church.

Please advise me if the National Council of Churches is a Communist-infiltrated organization; if it is supported in any way by the Communists; or if any of its leaders are Communists or are Communistic.

We have heard that there are eight registered Communists in our own town [redacted]. If this is true, since I believe this is public information, please give me a list of them.

Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 5, 1964, has been received.

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I am enclosing some material I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am trying to obtain all the information pro and con, concerning "The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A." Could you please inform me if your department has any record of the above organization or of any of its leaders, past or present, especially concerning any communistic activity.

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Also, I would appreciate your opinion of the organization if you would care to express it.

I desire this information for my personal satisfaction so I can either support or condemn this organization on factual information.

If you can refer me to other sources of information I would appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,

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February 7, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

To help unify my local church organization, information is needed regarding left-wing activities of The National Council of Churches, communist front affiliations of members of its board, and anything else available on the subject. 8-  
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Too, I would like to have any information that may be released on [REDACTED] who is a member of the [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] of the Methodist Church.

Being a Methodist, I am concerned over rumors and accusations concerning communist activity within the organization. My motive is to separate fact from fantasy and submit it to my official church board. Any assistance will be appreciated. M

Yours sincerely  
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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of February 7th and I want to thank you for your expression of confidence in my administration of the FBI. It is hoped that our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

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Director

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February 7, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

I live in an area where the National Council of Churches has been under attack for being a subversive, Communist-infiltrated organization. This charge is causing a great deal of trouble for people who wish to be loyal to their country and church. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is one agency most people will trust with regard to the investigation of communism.

Would you please send me any material that you have with regard to the charges that the National Council of Churches as a whole, or any part of the same, is a subversive organization or associated with known Communists. I am particularly interested in a charge by the Dan Smoot Report, Vol. 10, No. 2, page 10, that the Office of Navy Intelligence branded the Federal Council of Churches a subversive group.

If it would be possible, I would appreciate a personal reply from J. Edgar Hoover on this subject. Again, Mr. Hoover is a man most people will trust with regard to this subject.

These charges are undoing the work of the National Council of Churches. They are also seriously threatening the work of the church in some communities. It is very difficult for the average minister to investigate and answer all these charges. Indeed, the work of the church is the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not the investigation of communism. I would appreciate any help that you might be able to give on this problem.

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Dear

I have received your letter of February 1st and can understand the concern prompting you to write the FBI.

While I would like to be of service to you, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, information contained in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. You may be interested in knowing, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the National Council of Churches.

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**"Faith In Freedom"  
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
The Communist Party Line**

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February 1, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, District of Columbia

Dear Mr. Hoover:

An article in the January 30, 1964 edition of the CINCINNATI ENQUIRER states that an Episcopal Church commission which investigated the National Council of Churches reported that it found "no basis for extremist charges that the Council harbors Communist sympathizers."

The article further states, "Members ( of the commission ) met with personnel of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Federal Bureau of Investigation but were not able to discover any fact or record that would support such charges. We conclude they are false."

The last paragraph is in direct conflict with other material which I have read concerning the National Council of Churches. I would appreciate it very much if you would convey to me the official findings of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the presence, or lack of, Communist influence in the National Council of Churches.

Very truly yours,

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January 29, 1964

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of January 25th, with enclosure, has been received, and I appreciate your kind remarks about the work being done by this Bureau.

It was thoughtful of you to forward this data to the FBI and I was glad to have your comments and observations.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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January 25, 1964

*National Council of Churches of Christ*

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

If you have not read this account of what happened in Nashville January 7, 8, & 10th of this year, I hope you will do so.

As a Methodist of 47 years, active in church and Sunday School work, as well as school and community work, I find it impossible to believe that people advocating such moves as these are true Christians. How can one preach the commandment "Honor thy father and thy mother" and preach these things?

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Thank you for all you have done and are doing for our country.

Very truly yours,



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## 'Freedom' From What? Now They Would Subvert Parental Authority

WITHOUT NAMING it as such, the "Highlander Park School" motif predominated in recommendations stemming from the "Youth Ministry Consultation on Race" held here last week—a high-sounding title indeed for indoctrination in civil disobedience. Sponsors and participants could have called it appropriately a workshop on How to Recruit and Brainwash Teen-age Children.

Sponsored by the Emergency Commission on Religion and Race of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., it addressed itself to the undignified aim of "freeing" youngsters from the parental authority it obviously holds in contempt, and enlisting them in pickettines of law-defiance.

These are, Mr. and Mrs. America, YOUR children this "Emergency Commission" panel is talking about—and the parental authority it proposes to subvert is yours. The teenager it seeks to attract for its own scofflaw use is right out of your home, school and church. The ideological manipulators now are picking them young.

These so-called counselors seem to be demanding something beyond desegregation, an area in which Nashville, according to a leading Negro publication, is setting an example for other cities in the South. But the progress here has been based on good judgment and good will displayed by the leaders of both races. The radical proposals of this National Council group will hinder, not help.

THERE ARE CHURCH CAMPS maintained by most denominations for the recreation, Bible-teaching, and character-building of their young people; but not of the variety advocated by these propagandists. There are Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations and camps—which they likewise suggest as infiltration points. But these are not intended to be workshops in social revolution or political staging areas, or glorified recruiting centers aimed at making fallbirds of children.

Apparently the element in question expects parents to hold still while it swiches and brands their brood, and proceeds from there to "educate" these youngsters in the technique of breaking the law; or getting in and out of jail—preferably far enough from home that they can escape its natural restraints. The distance factor was stressed, and integrated trips afar, leading themselves to freedom from the inhibiting customs whose abolitionism is the end and aim of this base procurement.

Thus would unfold Chapter Two of what has been clearly espoused as the promise that obedience is required only of those laws with which the individual agrees. Now begins the campaign to extend this anarchical philosophy—by catching 'em young, and instilling that promise at the irresponsible age; having first alienated them entirely from a sense of accountability, and breeding a profound contempt for the authority of parents.

That gets so far from Bible teaching and the structure of ethics resting thereon that to propose it in the guise of an assembly even remotely related to religion is a sacrilege. It defiles. It shocks. It should open some eyes to reckless forces of moral insurrection seeking to bore from within.

RENDERING UNTO CAESAR is one thing—a principle enjoined upon civilized human beings as a matter of authority and order under law; and rendering unto God—both of them bound upon man in the same Divinely given paragraph.

Rendering unto the Emergency Council on Religion and Race of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.—and thereby defaulting on the elementary obligation of parenthood—is strictly and entirely something else.

It's one of those trees, scattering seed after its kind for thorns and thistles—and to be rooted out if a mature generation, possessed of conscience, cares for its children and its children's children.

It's rooting time.

# ① Destroy Southern 'System': Bevil

**By BOB BELL, JR.**  
Banner Church Editor

The general Southern "system" must be destroyed before the area the groups about people, youth leaders of 25 communities were held, last Monday night.

The speaker was James Bevil, of the National Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. He strongly desires the approval of a Youth Ministry Commission on Non-Violence, organized by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. which continues through a study of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Bevil, 50, of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., was the speaker at the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. meeting at the Nashville Convention Center last Monday night.

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# ② National Church Council Calls For Youth Integration

**By BOB BELL, JR.**  
Banner Church Editor

The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. has called for youth integration in a statement issued last Monday.

The statement, issued by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., calls for youth integration in the church. It says that the church should be a place where people of all races and ethnic groups can come together and worship together.

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# ③ Church Youth Camps Are Urged For Race Mixing

## Participation In 'Demonstrations' Proposed At Conference Here

**By BOB BELL, JR.**  
Banner Church Editor

Church youth camps should be urged to include participation in "demonstrations" for racial integration, according to a report from a conference held here last Monday.

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**Faith in God - Our Answer To Communism**

**NOTE: No derogatory information appears in Bfiles concerning Reverend Unger**

January 29, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Though I am fully aware of your full work schedule and also of the many letters asking you for the information our Church is interested in, I nevertheless would greatly appreciate receiving an answer if possible from you or from your secretary.

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However, as I am unable to convince some people in our church of this fact, as your name is invariably used to prove their point, I would greatly appreciate receiving a communication from you with respect to the National Council of Churches.

I am deeply grateful for the outstanding work of the Bureau and join with thousands of ministers in expressing this sentiment.

Sincerely yours,

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have always had, and still have, the utmost confidence in the ability of the F. B. I. to handle and apprehend the subversive elements that would seek to undermine and destroy our great nation. My confidence is not only borne of the outstanding record of the F.B.I. in years' past, but in my sincere respect in the integrity and ability of the Director.

In regard to Communist subversion I have tried to follow the norms and principles laid out by Mr. Hoover in the following publications: The Communist Party Line, Document No. 59; Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality; The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals; Communist Propaganda and the Christian Pulpit; Soviet Rule or Christian Renewal. It has been my assumption that if I ever stumbled onto any Communist or subversion activity, that as a responsible citizen I should report it immediately to the F.B.I., or to one of the law-enforcing agencies.

However, a few days ago I was given the enclosed article by a friend. He told me that the man who wrote this article had written others which prove that the National Council of Churches was a Communist-front. As I read this article I was impressed with the concern expressed by the writer concerning his disagreement over theological matters with other persons whom he refers to. But when I came to the paragraph concerning the allegation that "8,673 American clergymen were in the Communist conspiracy, knowingly and unknowingly," I was very disturbed. But the most disturbing thing was the insinuation that these clergymen are still Communist stooges and are actually aiding the Communist. Is this true? Is the National Council Communist? are its leaders serving Communism? As my denomination (Methodist) is a member this is a matter of concern to me.

For several years I have been a minister of the Gospel and I have held to the position that Christianity and Communism are incompatible. Please accept my concern in this honest inquiry by an American who loves his country, who is against Communism, but who also loves his fellowman.

Very truly yours,

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# Straight Talk

by Tamm Buchanan

**A**T a recent Presbyterian assembly, the conference elected as head of its theological seminary in San Francisco a minister who has proclaimed his disbelief in the Virgin Birth of Christ. The meeting discussed such subjects as sex, birth control, NAACP, federal aid to education, abolishment of capital punishment, federal housing, admission of Communist China to the U.N.—in fact, practically everything except religion.

One of the most outstanding preacher-orators in America, Nels F. S. Ferre, wrote this in his book *The Christian Understanding of God*: "Strange, however, is the hold which this doctrine (the Virgin Birth) . . . has on countless peoples. Reference to the Virgin Birth is not found in Paul's letters, the earliest writings we have. It is not found in Mark, the original Gospel . . . As a matter of fact, the reference in John to the claim by the Jews to the effect that they were not born in adultery, could give external credence to a Nazi claim that Jesus was German. Mary, we remember, was found pregnant before her engagement to mild Joseph. Nazareth was held by a Roman garrison where the soldiers were German mercenaries. Jesus is also reported throughout a continuous part of the history of art, it is claimed, to have been blond. This is supposedly unnatural for the Mediterranean countries where this same tradition started and was continued. Hence Jesus must have been the child of a German soldier."

Of Jesus, Ferre says: "He is at best a vague figure. He never was nor became God." Of Communism, Ferre says: "We shall witness to the Communists because whatever truth is theirs we accept wholeheartedly, and beyond their truth lies God's truth . . . If Marxism should conquer the whole world, this might be merely the prelude in economic arrangement to the blossoming forth within it of the deeply sowed seed of the Christian faith and expectations."

Some disbelievers and won't-believers cry that such quotes were "taken out of context!" How could the rest of the book possibly compensate for the above?

## National Council of Judges

A proposed amendment to our Constitution reads: "This nation devoutly recognizes the authority and law of Jesus Christ, Savior and Ruler of Nations, through whom are bestowed the blessings of Almighty God." Guess what organization voted 59 to 1 in its General Board meeting against this proposed amendment to reaffirm our nation's belief in Christianity? The National Council of Churches. Reason? The National Council Board stated that such an amendment would "embarrass the relations of American churches and the nation with the world majority of non-Christians." We've spent billions on end for years on end, trying to convert the heathens throughout the world to Christianity—which we don't acknowledge ourselves if it might embarrass "the majority of non-Christians." Wonder what the heathens we converted think of that?

The American Association for Advancement of Atheism in a recent annual report stated: "They are saving the ship of Christianity by throwing her cargo overboard. With what zeal the Fosdicks and Shaler Mathewses and the whole crew or rescuers toss out the Virgin Birth, atonement and the resurrection. We welcome the aid of the Modernists and

pledge them our fullest cooperation in ridding the world of any serious acceptance of Christian theology."

These "Modernists" would replace "The Fatherhood of God" with the "Brotherhood of man." These rewriters of the Bible omitted Acts 8:37 which says, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Their "Interpreter's Bible" constantly uses the words "myth," "folklore," "legendary," "falsity," to describe Christ's miracles. These same characters preside at the serving of Communion, hypocritically serving the body and the blood of the "illegitimate, non-divine offspring of a German soldier and a married woman" to believers on their knees in atonement. We do not have to be theologians to know that if Jesus was not divine, He was not perfect, and vice versa. What is Christianity, if Christ is not divine? These usurpers were not satisfied to start a new religion. You need to get crucified and rise from the dead to do that. They were determined to infiltrate, destroy and "modernize" ours.

## They Know Not What They Do

J. B. Matthews says in his book *Communism in the Churches*, page 9: "The largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in the United States today is composed of Protestant clergymen." The House Un-American Activities Committee [which is now fighting for its life] showed as of 1953 that 8,673 American clergymen were in the Communist conspiracy, knowingly or unknowingly. At that time there were 353 Rabbis, 626 Presbyterians, 1,429 Protestant-Episcopal and 2,131 Methodists, among others.

These false prophets want to establish peace and world brotherhood by turning convicted Communists out of jail (if they haven't already been released by Supreme Court decisions); by abolishing investigating committees of the Congress; by killing loyalty oaths; repealing immigration and security laws; forgetting the enslaved Hungarians, Poles, Chinese, Ukrainians, etc. and ending—not winning—the Cold War; and cutting defense efforts.

The preacher in his pulpit holds a special niche—a link between communicants and God. He is their spiritual mentor, giving his life to God in the highest calling to which man can be called. He has baptised, christened, comforted, married, blessed, advised, guided, inspired and buried us and our beloved. We believe and believe in our minister. So when he is led into integrating the spiritual with the economic and preaching a collectivist New World Order to us, we are caught off guard.

A preacher (as well as a "professional Christian" on a church payroll) should be even more responsible for what he says and signs and joins than other people. If he cooperates with or joins individuals or groups dedicated to the violent overthrow of our country, then he should pay the consequences.

Some of the leaders of the NCC cried "foul" when "Christian Crusade," "Circuit Riders" and other Christian patriotic organizations published the facts which were re-published recently in the Air Force Training Manual. Most preachers are intelligent, wonderful men, dedicated to God and country. But some preachers are emotional, naive and ill-informed on worldly affairs. You might expect these errant preachers, instead of crying "foul," to step forward in public repentance and say: "Forgive me Lord; for I knew not what I did!"

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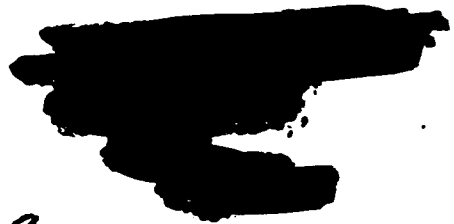
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Would you please send me any proof you have regarding Communist connection with U.N.I.C.E.F. and the Nat. Council of Churches.

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I would appreciate any information you have.

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Jan. 29, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Dir.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In recent days I have encountered sufficient bitterness, on the part of people with whom I come in contact, toward the National Council of Churches to cause me to want to provide them with proof of the innocence or guilt of this organization. Personally I feel that they are being indoctrinated by the efforts of Mr. Carlo McIntyre. They have made mention of a report from F.B.I. Headquarters which definitely links the council with subversive activities and organizations, a report of which I am ignorant (if such has been made).

Without asking you to make any comment concerning Mr. McIntyre, unless you care to do so, I would like to have a reply from you as to whether your organization has at any time found evidence to link the National Council with communistic activity and whether you have at any time made such a report as has been alleged.

Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We need information concerning the National Council of Churches. Have you any material answering these questions?

1. Is the National Council of Churches communistic in its nature and purposes?
2. Does it have the same objectives as has Communism?
3. Is it a part of the International Communist Conspiracy?

Our main sources of material on this has come from  
The Presbyterian Journal  
Weaverville, North Carolina      See enclosed booklet.

and

Rev. Carl McIntire  
20th Century Reformation Hour  
Collingswood, New Jersey

Are these two sources correct?

"The Guide of Subversive Organizations" which we recently received from the Superintendent of Documents does not list the National Council of Churches and we wonder why.

Please send material on this as soon as you can. May we copy or quote from this material?

We want authoritative information so we can be sure of our statements.

We shall greatly appreciate your help in ~~this matter~~.

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Respectfully

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**THE  
NATIONAL  
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OF  
CHURCHES**

*(As Now Constituted  
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**A Menace  
To Church  
And State**

## PREFACE

Many in our Church are becoming increasingly alarmed at the activities and pronouncements of the National Council of Churches.

This alarm is based, not on the concept of and need for an organization which might, *as authorized*, speak for the united voice of Protestantism.

We are disturbed because the National Council of Churches, *as now constituted*, is continually making statements and taking positions on the basis of "representing 40,000,000 Protestant church members" *when such statements and positions have never been authorized by the constituent members of the Council.*

We are disturbed because the leadership (elected and secretarial) does not represent the historic position of our Church with reference to the separation of Church and State, nor do many of the positions taken by these men reflect the historic evangelical position to which our Church adheres.

It is difficult to understand why leaders of a Christian organization should be willing to take an unequivocal stand and to make definite pronouncements on controversial economic, social and political matters while at the same time they refuse to take *any* stand on the content of the Gospel itself, saying such affirmations should be left to the constituent Churches.

If then such vital matters are left to the constituent Churches why does the National Council of Churches presume to speak with conviction on *secular issues?*

Apparently the answer is to be found in the fact that some of the most influential leaders in the National Council have very strong convictions with reference to social action but lack corresponding convictions with reference to the essentials of the Christian faith itself.

The following are reprints of articles and editorials appearing in recent issues of the *Presbyterian Journal*.

## How It Developed

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

*There is a revealing analogy between the National Council of Churches and certain developments in the Labor movement.*

*Labor unions were established to promote the legitimate interests of laboring people and to protect them from exploitation. Now there are leaders who are going far afield, dictating and promoting practices and policies which can hurt every American. Furthermore, there are instances where the labor movement has gotten into the hands of unworthy leadership.*

*The National Council of Churches is the product of a legitimate movement which was intended to bring a united Christian witness in the world. Such a witness is needed. But it is now evident, as is true in the Labor movement, that some have gotten into positions of power and leadership who would use the Church to promote their own personal views with reference to world affairs. In using the name of the Church to promote political, economic and other secular activities — particularly on matters where sincere Christians disagree — the spiritual mission and influence of the Church is being compromised while, in some cases, the policies these men are advocating could well lead to serious consequences to our nation itself.*

*The following article tells how the NCC started.*

### I

On November 29, 1950 in Cleveland, Ohio, a group of clerical and lay delegates from 29 major Protestant denominations came together in the municipal auditorium and formed an ecclesiastical organization which was destined to exercise great influence on the life and thought of the American people, both inside and outside the Churches.

What had been known as the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America since 1908, embracing most of the major denominations of Protestantism and most of the Eastern Orthodox Churches (Greek Catholic), merged with its various affiliates such as the International Council of Religious Education, the United Council of Church Women, United Stewardship Council, Home Missions Council of North America, Foreign Missions Conference of North America and the National

Council on Higher Education and became the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Its former affiliates, now swallowed up, became departments of the new organization which was to produce more than 200 separate boards and commissions with those who are reputed to be experts on everything from farm problems to political affairs, and with carefully delineated programs for all sorts of social and economic reforms.

The new organization, like its predecessor, was assured of universal radio, television and press coverage for its conclaves and pronouncements from the outset, because it used the device of bringing high government officials of newsworthy note to its platforms as speakers. Presidents of the United States, Secretaries of State, Defense Department officials and foreign diplomats graced its rostrums while hundreds of representatives of the various media of communication filed tens of thousands of words on the proceedings and carried their voices by radio and television to millions of listeners and viewers. It appeared that no Council official objected to using the power and prestige of the State for Council purposes.

Soon this organization began to establish itself in the minds of the American public as the "Voice of the Church." Congressmen listened attentively as the leaders of the National Council of Churches came before legislative committees and used their high offices to testify in favor of Foreign Aid, the United Nations, disarmament, and a myriad of other political subjects. Press agents were at hand to dole out hundreds of copies of the statements being made by the Council leaders to the Senate and House press gallery correspondents. More thousands of copies were sent down to the constituent denominational bodies, which in turn were urged to get the individual in support of the Council's objectives.

Before long the Council became not a group of Churches working together to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and win lost men and women to Him, but rather the most powerful political action organization within the United States, claiming to represent between 35 and 40 million Protestants! Unless the members of the United States Congress, sitting on the Committee listening to the Council's spokesmen, realized that a vote on a particular piece of legislation had never been cast by the rank and file of Protestant church mem-

bers in the local congregations, then it appeared on the surface that this group controlled a powerful bloc of votes — approximately 39 million, in fact! Such spokesmen must then be listened to carefully!

In a booklet printed by the National Council and distributed in 1958, entitled "*Working Together Through The National Council of Churches*," it is declared: "The service which the National Council of Churches renders the Church population of the nation goes far beyond its Protestant and Eastern Orthodox constituent member—communions. Individuals or representatives from thirty-five other U. S. denominations or denominational agencies, plus four Canadian bodies, cooperate with one or more National Council services. This would indicate that the National Council serves far more than the 39,870,000 members of its constituent communions, and that the figure, if it could be computed, would be closer to 50,000,000."

The Council then goes on to list two page-length columns of Church groups which have never joined the National Council of Churches, including such denominations as: The Church of God, Church of the Nazarene, Free Methodists, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Southern Baptists.

Such organizations as the YMCA, YWCA, International Association of Daily Vacation Bible Schools, the Salvation Army, International Society of Christian Endeavor, Campfire Girls, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are listed as having relationship with the Council.

In addition to the above-named denominations and groups, the Council claims that it works directly through thousands of state, county and city councils of Churches, ministerial groups, and local chapters of the United Church Women (the Women's division of the National Council).

One can readily see, then, why a newspaper, radio or television commentator, or public official in ignorance of true facts would hesitate to criticize any action of this tremendous organization, for fear that it would bring the wrath of many of these cooperating bodies down on his head.

The governing body of the Council consists of 694 delegates with the clergy outnumbering the lay delegates by almost two to one. In the interim, between triennial Assemblies, a General Board of 256 members, 166 clergy and 90 laymen, conducts

the Council's affairs. However, attendance at these interim meetings has been notoriously poor with the clerical members so outnumbering the lay people that the lay people's protests in regard to announcements of the Council on political affairs have been drowned out. In fact, the man who organized the National Lay Committee of the Council and became its first chairman at the Cleveland conclave wrote a 316 page protest of the high-handed methods of the clerical delegates. He stated that these had refused to accept suggestions to the effect that the Council should preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and reconcile sinful men and women to Him, rather than issuing attacks on Congressional Committees investigating Communism, and against proposed amendments to the U. S. Constitution which would give much-needed protection for United States Sovereignty against World Government trends.

The National Lay Committee's existence was not renewed by the Council (President, Eugene Blake,) following the protests of the lay group headed by the distinguished Presbyterian lay leader J. Howard Pew, retired Chairman of the Sun Oil Company. It seemed that the clerics desired the service of the lay people for the purpose of raising large sums of money for the Council, but they did not appreciate the laymen's suggestions in regard to the conduct of the Council's affairs!

The Pew report was given widespread circulation through a printed volume and in summary form in the highly influential United States News and World Report magazine. The result was that many of the 200 odd members lay committee withdrew from active participation in the work of the Council and dropped financial support as well.

Chairman Pew stated in his report: "The members of the Lay Committee believed, and so stated, that the political adventures of the National Council in the fields of economic and political controversy would seriously hinder and not further Christian leadership in the pressing fields of evangelism, fellowship and education. It appears that the National Council could find no room for opposition to the philosophies and practices carried over from the old Federal Council."

### **THE FEDERAL COUNCIL**

Of interest at this point would be an answer to the question: "What were the philosophies and practices of the old Federal Council in the main?"

Volumes could be written on the anti-Christian and pro-Communist pronouncements of the old Federal Council whose leadership had been absorbed into the National Council. The Federal Council had become so leftist in its activities that the highly reputable Office of Naval Intelligence of the United States Navy Department, one of the top intelligence gathering agencies of the world, stated in a report which was read into the Congressional Record on September 10, 1935, as follows:

"Organizations which while not openly advocating the 'force and violence' principles of the Communists, give aid and comfort to the Communist movement and party. Among the strongest of these organizations are:

"The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America: This is a large radical pacifist organization. It probably represents 20,000,000 Protestants in the United States. However, its leadership consists of a small radical group which dictates its policies. It is always extremely active in any matter against national defence."

The existence of this ONI report on page 13503 of the 1935 Congressional Record of the House of Representatives has proved to be extremely embarrassing to many of the present leaders of the National Council of Churches because many of them were in the Federal Council's leadership at that time, and others were trained under the "small radical group" which dictated its policies.

These embarrassed leaders have sought to erase and discredit this government report, but they have been unable to do so, even through the smear technique. They have said the following about it:

1. It was read into the record by an irate Congressman to show the Navy up for what it was — a meddler, underhanded in its methods, etc. (What they do not tell is that a certain Congressman was a notorious left-winger himself and has a pro-Red record in the Government files.)
2. That it was written by a minor Naval official. (It doesn't make any difference what rank the writer of the report had at the time. The Navy Department had the facts to prove the contents of the report were true.)

It can be shown that the successor to the Federal Council of Churches, the National Council, has followed the same course in its actions, pronouncements and leadership.

## The Serpent Sheds Its Skin

The French have an old adage, "The more it changes the more it remains the same." This is strikingly true of the change of name which the Federal Council of Churches went through in 1950. Forty-two years of leftist, collectivist and internationalist bias and activity had finally given the F. C. C. C. such a bad name that a whitewash became imperative. As it was impossible to erase the record of history, a change of name seemed the easiest course of action. The F. C. C. C. became the N. C. C. C.

N. C. C. C. spokesmen and publications make much of the allegation that the Federal Council ceased to exist and that the new National Council bears no relationship to or connection with it whatever. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our authority is the N. C. C. C.'s own "Constitution, General By-laws, and Certificate of Incorporation." We quote:

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America was made possible by the decision of eight interdenominational agencies, all of which had had an important part in the historical development of cooperation among the churches, to combine their forces. These eight agencies, which by their official action transferred their functions and responsibilities to the National Council, were:

Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

Home Missions Council of North America.

International Council of Religious Education.

Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada.

National Protestant Council on Higher Education.

United Council of Church Women.

United Stewardship Council.

Four other minor organizations are also listed as having merged into the new National Council at a later date.

The N. C. C. C.'s own evidence is irrefutable. The Federal Council *did not* go out of business—it merely “transferred its functions and responsibilities to the National Council.” That there was to be no change of policy or programs on the part of the newly founded N. C. C. C. became clear when the December 1950 Federal Council *Bulletin* stated:

All the work of the Federal Council will continue under new auspices . . . it is expected that the program will be enlarged as the new organization gains increased support . . . other divisions of the National Council and the general administration of the Council will also draw upon the resources in both personnel and finances.

The recent president of the N. C. C. C., Edwin T. Dahlberg, had been chairman of the Department of Evangelism in the old F. C. C. C. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Federal Council in 1948 and long active in its affairs, became a member of the powerful General Board of the National Council.

Samuel McCrea Cavert who had been general secretary of the old Federal Council later served in the same capacity in the “entirely new and different” National Council. Walter Russell Bowie of Union Theological Seminary was vice chairman of the F. C. C. C.'s Commission on Worship. He occupies the identical position on the National Council's Commission on Worship and Art.

Walter W. Van Kirk prior to his death in 1956 was executive director of the National Council's Department of International Justice and Goodwill. He had held the same position in the identically titled department of the liquidated Federal Council. They did not even bother to change the titles of departments or officials. Roswell P. Barnes, who became associate general secretary of the Federal Council in 1940 and later served as editor of the F. C. C. C. *Bulletin*, oddly enough also turned up in the National Council as executive secretary of its Division of Christian Life and Work. He was a member of a small executive committee of the Fellowship of Socialist Christians as far back as twenty years ago according to Dr. J. B. Matthews in a speech made March 22, 1959.

The *Yearbook of American Churches* for 1959 published by the N. C. C. C. lists Benson Y. Landis

as Editor. He also served as N. C. C. C. executive director of the Department of Town and Country Church. *Who's Who in America* carries Mr. Landis' biography as having been associate secretary of the Department of Research and Education of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ from 1923 to 1946. The same source also lists Mr. Landis as having been “editor, *Yearbook of American Churches* (Federal Council of Churches) since 1941.” Even more interesting is the title page of the 1959 *Yearbook* published by the N. C. C. C. It reads “Twenty-seventh issue — annual” even though the N. C. C. C. was not created until 1950!

Earl F. Adams, Beverly M. Boyd, Hugh D. Darsie, Truman Douglas, Harold E. Fey, Harry Emerson Fosdick, Jesse Bader, Cameron P. Hall, Shelby Harrison, F. Ernest Johnson, Henry Smith Leiper, Charles T. Laber, J. Quinten Miller, I. George Nace, Bishop William Scarlett, Reinhold Neibuhr, Luther A. Weigle and a long list of others all active for years in the Federal Council of Churches either turned up again on the staff of the “new” N. C. C. C. or as active in its behalf.

A careful examination of the voluminous evidence available cannot but convince any impartial student that the present National Council of Churches of Christ is nothing but the old Federal Council of Churches of Christ with the minor change of one word, but with added activities and power.

## MIS-Representation

### I

Frequently the claim is made that the National Council of Churches represents 38 million Protestants.

The Communist organ, *THE WORKER*, speaks of “the conferees” at the National Council's World Order Study Conference, Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 18-21, 1958, as “spokesmen for 38,000,000 churchgoers.”

The National Council's own official report of its General Board meeting, Chicago, Dec. 3-4, 1958, refers to “the Council's constituency—33 Protestant and Orthodox denominations with 144,000 local churches and 38 million members.”

This claim, expressed or implied, that the National Council represents 38 million Protestants is completely misleading and deceptive.

Yet it is used to exert powerful influence on Congress, governmental agencies, denominational organizations, and the people generally.

In the first place, the Council has no control over its member denominations, and has no authority to speak officially for any of them. Its own official publication, "Working Together Through the National Council of Churches," states:

"What is the National Council of Churches? It is a *fellowship* of 33 *independent* national denominations who desire to pool their material and spiritual resources to accomplish common tasks . . . The Council has *no authority* over member Churches, but acts in a *purely advisory role*" (p. 199\*).

Second, its pronouncements are *never* submitted to the members of the constituent Churches for approval before being announced to the public. *Therefore, these pronouncements* could not possibly express the views of the millions of members, who are given no opportunity to express their views.

Third, the representation of each denomination in the governing bodies of the National Council is so small that these representatives have little influence on the actions taken and could by no means speak authoritatively for the members of their Churches.

Fourth, the *actual* control of the Council does not rest in its General Assembly and General Board, as it should according to its constitution, but in a comparatively small group, who work between the meetings of these bodies behind the scenes.

As to the insignificant voice the denominations have in the administration of the Council, the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. is an example.

The two principal governing bodies of the Council are the General Assembly, composed of 677 members (434 clergy, 243 laymen), and the General Board, composed of 254 members (139 clergy, 115 laymen).

The General Assembly meets only every three years for five or six days.

The General Board meets quarterly each year from one to three days (pp. 194, 195).

The Presbyterian Church in the U. S., with a membership of 900,000, has only 18 representatives in the National Council's General Assembly and only 4 on its General Board. These 4 are taken from the 18 in the General Assembly. At the last triennial meeting of the Assembly in St. Louis, Dec. 1-6, 1957, only 12 voting representatives were present.

18 in the General Assembly out of a total of 667, and these meet only once in three years! And these 18 represent 900,000 church members! And 4 on the General Board out of 254!

And yet it is said that "the National Council is the creature of the Churches and is controlled and directed by their representatives . . ." (p. 195).

As to the actual control of the Council, consider the following facts:

Between the triennial meetings of the General Assembly and the quarterly meetings of the General Board, a large personnel is working continuously under the direction of a few dominant leaders, many of whom have been conspicuous for years for their radical, pacifistic, and socialistic activities.

There are four Divisions (Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education, and Christian Life and Work); 2 "joint departments" (Evangelism and Stewardship and Family Life), related to all divisions; and 3 "central departments:" headquarters in New York City, an office in Washington and regional offices, serving the total program; 2 general departments (United Church Women and United Church Men); and numerous committees. (E.g., in the General Assembly there are 21 standing committees.)

This multiform operation — "the far-flung work of the Council and its various units" (p. 194) — is housed in a nineteen story building called Interchurch Center, on Riverside Drive at 120 St., New York City.

How these interim agencies and "behind the scenes" leaders really work is demonstrated by the Cleveland, Ohio, World Order Study Conference, which advocated the recognition of Red China.

## II

How does the National Council really work? It is obvious that its vast activities cannot be planned or carried out by its triennial General Assemblies

or its quarterly General Board meetings. How does it operate in formulating its frequent pronouncements and in its other activities designed to influence public opinion and legislation, both nationally and internationally?

The last meeting of its General Board, Dec. 3-4, 1958, adopted this resolution:

"If and when . . . it appears that specific pronouncements in any area of international affairs should be made by the National Council of Churches, such pronouncements *will be developed by the responsible departments and divisions of the Council for adoption by the General Board.*"\*

Notice that the starting point is *not* with the Churches or their governing bodies.

The Cleveland, Ohio, World Order Study Conference, Nov. 18-21, 1958, sponsored by its Department of International Affairs, illustrates clearly the operation of this principle.

The Department of International Affairs had a "Message to the Churches" prepared by a committee of 23 outstanding laymen and clergy under the chairmanship of Dr. John C. Bennett, dean of the faculty, Union Theological Seminary, New York, with Dr. Theodore A. Gill as rapporteur. . . . Dr. Gill is president of San Francisco Theological Seminary in California.

The Conference then was called by the President of the National Council, Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, and was convened by the Division of Christian Life and Work and its Department of International Affairs.

The "delegates were from the Council's 33 constituent communions, councils of Churches, and related Church agencies. The Churches' delegates were selected by the denominations and included both clergy and laity, with the latter constituting two-thirds." "They (the Conference delegates) were *chosen* for their specific competence in the field of foreign affairs."

(Italics are supplied by the writer for emphasis only.)

\*Unless otherwise indicated, all quotations are from National Council news releases or publications.

How well "chosen" they were is attested by the fact that the startling, pro-Communist "Message" of the Conference, as finally modified after four days of discussion, was "*as a whole approved unanimously on the floor.*"

This "Message" was then sent to the General Board, which met Dec. 3-4, 1958. The Board adopted a resolution, in which, while withholding official endorsement, "commended" the Cleveland Conference for speaking out "on controversial political, economic and social issues" in its "Message to the Churches, calling for changes in the United States foreign policy."

"The Board then declared that the Cleveland study conference 'has performed a valuable function in helping the Churches and their members carry forward the process of the American people's development of their foreign policy'."

The resolution adopted by the Board concluded as follows:

"We call upon our constituency and all American citizens to study carefully the full text of the message of the Cleveland conference, and later, when available, its full report, to the end that reasoned progress may be made by the people of the United States and their government toward solving the serious problems faced by our nation in its foreign relations."

Dr. Kenneth L. Maxwell, Executive Director of the Department of International Affairs, reported that "the Council will devote a year of intensive education and action to a coordinated emphasis on Christian concerns in international relations." This ran from June, 1959, to June, 1960, and was carried on through denominational and interdenominational leadership training in conferences, camps and assemblies from coast to coast; then through institutes in state and local councils of Churches, and programs for peace developed in local churches.

What else did the Cleveland conference do?

Briefly summarized, the "Message" and the accompanying "Report of Section II," "The Power Struggle and Security in a Nuclear Age," advocated the following:

Diplomatic recognition by the United States of Red China.

Admission of Red China to the United Nations.



Co-existence with "the Communist nations."

Avoidance of "the posture of general hostility" to "the Communist nations."

A call to "fellow churchmen to work to overcome segregation in all areas, beginning with their own congregation and including housing, public services and economic or occupational opportunities."

Ratification of the genocide convention.

Internationalism to supersede national patriotism.

"Disarmament by multilateral agreement" with the goal of universal disarmament."

The use of military force only when "sanctioned by and under the control of the United Nations."

"The creation of a permanent United Nations police force." Abolition of universal military training.

Abolition of "the system of military conscription" and of the Selective Service System.

Opposition to "the concept of nuclear retaliation or preventive war."

Extension of trade and travel without restrictions between the United States and Communist countries.

*This could not have more nearly conformed to the Communist "line," if it had originated in the Kremlin.*

THE WORKER, Communist organ, exultantly gave a third of its front page to reporting this as the expression of "38 million Protestants"

The representation of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. is an illustration of how far from the truth this claim was. Of the 639 officially registered delegates, only three were listed as members of this denomination. These were Mr. John H. Cooley of Davidson, N. C., representing the United Council Youth Movement; Mrs. W. Murdoch MacLeod of New York, N. Y., representing the National Council of Churches and the United Church Women; and Dr. Malcolm P. Calhoun of Richmond, Va.

Some Church leaders are so naive as to believe that, by being members of the National Council, they can exert an effective evangelical and stabilizing influence on it. Others are so misled and de-

ceived as to think that their Churches can use the Council to aid in propagating the blood-bought Gospel of the virgin-born, crucified and risen Son of God.

The Cleveland Conference and the later action of the General Board demonstrates that, on the contrary, the National Council is seductively and aggressively using the Churches to promote pacifism, socialism, and to give aid and comfort to the Communists.

## Over the Left Field Wall— A Foul

In 1958 the Fifth World Order Study Conference, sponsored by the National Council of Churches, took an action at its Cleveland meeting recommending that Red China be admitted to the United Nations and accorded diplomatic recognition by the United States government.

This recommendation has been characterized as both "shocking" and "ominous"; shocking, as the Washington Evening Star editorialized, "it is very difficult to reconcile Christian concepts with what might be considered the political realities of this matter"; and, ominous because the step recommended carries with it commitments and implications which, once put into effect, would be irrevocable and which could well lead to the destruction of the Free world.

Said the Cleveland conference:

"With reference to China, Christians should urge reconsideration by our Government of its policy in regard to the People's Republic of China . . . , steps should be taken toward the inclusion of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations and for its recognition by our Government."

In thus recommending the recognition of Red China and the inclusion of another Communist power in the United Nations, the National Council sponsored World Order Study Conference has taken a step many Christians will most energetically repudiate.

The Board of the National Council of Churches officially expressed full accord with this action and served notice that it is the "right and duty of the Christian Churches to speak out on controversial

political, economic and social issues." In linking recognition of Red China with this "right and duty" of the Churches to "speak out," we are given a foretaste of the radical left-wing policies which are a part of their program for the future.

We are convinced that the *overwhelming majority* of Christians in America do not approve of the leadership in the National Council which has now taken the bit in its teeth and proposes to get the Church involved in political, economic and social issues *in the name of the Church*.

Some of the men who drafted the 5,000-word Cleveland "Message to the Churches," are as far to the left in theology and politics as are to be found in any church. That they should presume to speak for Protestantism in America is a serious reflection on the average Christian. We have simply let the leadership be taken over by men who do not represent Christianity.

Furthermore, the group which met in Cleveland and unanimously passed this resolution was a *hand-picked group*, in no sense representative of the Churches.

To many of us this is a moral issue. We cannot contribute to a work we believe is contrary to the spiritual mission of the Church, detrimental to the cause of Christ and calculated to lead to national disaster.

The recognition of Soviet Russia and her inclusion in the United Nations is, we believe, responsible in part for the expansion of Communism throughout the world, and of our own economic and political difficulties. There is not one good thing which has come out of this recognition of a godless regime. Furthermore, as this is being written, Communist leaders all over the world are plotting against America and seeking her downfall. Their word of promise is a lie. They pervert every good thing to that which is evil. Christians and the Christian Church continue to be the object of hatred and persecution.

The stark seriousness of the situation is indicated by the following quotations and facts:

SEOUL, KOREA—"I walked through the streets of Seoul soon after the fighting ended and saw devastation and suffering beyond imagination. My guide, a Christian who had suffered greatly at Communist hands, pointed to the remains of the

YMCA building and said, 'One day the Reds herded 3,000 Christians into the basement of that building and turned machine guns on them. They were hunted down and destroyed simply because they were Christians.'

SOUTHEAST CHINA—Bishop Quentin K. Y. Huang, Bishop to the Chinese in the United States and formerly Episcopal Bishop in China, states that before the Communists took over in China, they infiltrated the churches, the parochial schools, the seminaries and the church hospitals. The spiritual Church has now been driven completely underground. The visible Church is a show window for foreign visitors, operating under full control of the Communists.

SALEM, OREGON—Just a few weeks ago an evangelical pastor was approached by a Communist Party member in an effort to soften him up for the Communist cause. When the pastor resisted, he was told that the Communists have a complete record of pastors and members of the churches of Salem in their files ready for action at the appropriate time. This is the same pattern followed in China and Korea.

You can see from these facts why we are alarmed by any statements urging United States recognition of Red China. The NCC statement follows the regular Communist Party line and ignores such facts as these:

1. The Communists in China have murdered at least 20 million of their own countrymen, and have liquidated other millions in slave labor camps.
2. The Communists have promulgated a false Church loyal to the Communist ideology and in opposition to the true Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Missionaries have been tortured, then deported and their belongings confiscated.
4. The Communist leaders, both Chinese and Russian, continue to reiterate the stand of Lenin and Stalin that they will not be satisfied until Communism becomes a true world order dominating all nations.

That the National Council of Churches should advocate yet further appeasement to Communism through saying "Christians should" work for the

diplomatic recognition of Red China and her inclusion in the United Nations, must bring joy to Moscow and Peking and despair to Christians in the oppressed areas of the world.

There may be no way whereby the minds of those who exercise leadership in the National Council can be changed. As free citizens they have the right to this opinion. As heads of a supposedly responsible Church organization, we most emphatically question their judgment.

## Who Says 38,000,000 Protestants Want To Recognize Red China?

*The following editorial appeared in the Feb. 21st issue of the SATURDAY EVENING POST. It is printed by special permission of the SATURDAY EVENING POST. Copyright 1959 by the Curtis Publishing Co. — Editor.*

Few Protestant Christians subscribe to *The Worker*, the Communist weekly. Consequently few saw a headline in that journal for November 30, 1958, reading: 38,000,000 Protestants Tell Ike: Recognize China. Few knew the story behind the headline.

The story was that a body of Protestant clergy and laymen known as the World Order Society Conference of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., assembled at Cleveland, had "unanimously" passed a resolution which urged that "steps should be taken toward the inclusion of the People's Republic of China (Communist) in the United Nations and for its recognition by our Government."

Inasmuch as few Protestant Christians, aside from the signers of fellow-traveler propaganda literature, have urged the recognition of a regime which continues to imprison and torture Christians and has made slaves of its own people, the question arises: What is the World Order Study Conference and how were its delegates selected? Also, to what extent did this resolution reflect opinion in the denominations supposedly represented?

Dean John C. Bennett of the Union Theological Seminary in New York, who had a leading part in the conference, asserts that the delegates were appointed by the officials of the various denominations,

although "some delegates were chosen by various units of the National Council." Dean Bennett mentioned as one selective factor "a high degree of interest in the subject matter of the conference." The leaders seem to have known how to pick the right people. A leader in supporting this dubious resolution was Ernest A. Gross, former United States delegate to the United Nations, with which Red China is still technically at war!

The Rev. Daniel A. Poling, editor of the *Christian Herald*, in an editorial for that magazine, denounced the resolution. Doctor Poling declared that most of the delegates were members of "social action" groups within the denominations.

To test Protestant opinion, the Committee of One Million Against Admission of Communist China to the United Nations polled some 50,000 American Protestant ministers on two questions: (1) Do you believe that the United States should recognize Communist China? and (2) Do you favor admission of Communist China to the United Nations? Early returns indicate that 87 per cent of the ministers polled were against Red China on both counts, 11 per cent gave favorable replies and 2 per cent had no opinion.

Thus American Protestantism has been taken for a propaganda ride by a group of "progressive" leaders whose titles suggest that they represented more Protestants than they did. Even the "unanimous" vote was misleading, because it had been stipulated that, if the minority polled less than 25 per cent, the vote should be announced as "unanimous."

Needless to say, the news caused dismay in Formosa and in free Asia generally. A missionary on Formosa described the resolution as "a betrayal of the enslaved, tortured and often martyred Christians in China." If American Christians, safe at home and above the battle, are represented as indifferent to savage persecutions of their brethren, how can those in the front line of resistance to Red aggression be expected to stand firm?

## Did The Cleveland Conference Speak for The NCC?

In January, 1960, the Inter-Church Relations Committee of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., took the following action with respect to the Cleveland Conference's recommendations on Red China:

In the light of the widespread discussion on the resolution regarding the admittance of the People's Republic of China into the United Nations made at the December meeting of the World Order Study Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, the Interchurch Relations Committee calls the attention of the members of our Church to the fact that the General Board of the National Council of Churches has adopted a resolution indicating that the World Order Study Conference spoke 'for itself and not for the Council nor for its member churches . . . they spoke for no one but themselves.' The Interchurch Relations Committee respectfully requests that this statement of the General Board of the National Council of Churches be brought to the attention of the leaders and members of our denomination through the papers used by our church.

For the information of the "leaders and members of our denomination" and to keep this record clear we would like to quote from the official news release of the National Council of Churches of December 8th, 1958, with reference to the actions taken by the General Board of the National Council.

The report is as follows:

#### "GENERAL BOARD

*New York, Dec. 8th—The right and duty of the Christian churches to speak out on controversial political, economic and social issues was reaffirmed last week by the National Council of Churches' General Board.*

*The Board then commended the Cleveland World Order Study Conference for so doing in the conference's recent historic Message to the Churches calling for changes in the United States foreign policy. The Message had recommended among other things, U. S. recognition of mainland China and its eventual admission to the United Nations."*

When the official pronouncement of the National Council "commends" the Cleveland Conference's report and specifically states that this included the recognition of Red China and her eventual admission to the United Nations that Board has placed the seal of its official approval on that action.

Later in this same news release it states that the Cleveland group (which the National Council sponsored and financed) "spoke only for themselves . . . but they spoke with a mighty voice."

Then, this same news release (in unphotographed pages) gives considerable space to Ernest A. Gross's defense of the Cleveland action. This same OFFICIAL news release of the National Council further states: ". . . the Cleveland study conference has performed a valuable function in helping the churches and their members carry forward the processes of the American people's development of their foreign policy."

From their own official news release it is obvious that the General Board of the National Council gave hearty approval to the action of the Cleveland group.

This was before the storm of protest swept through all of the member Churches in the National Council. Now we are being treated to a series of disavowals which add even more evidence of our contention that the present leadership of the National Council of Churches is unworthy of support.

We deeply respect men who make a mistake and then honestly admit they made it. We seriously question those who evade the conclusive evidence of their own official actions. These are harsh words but they must be said. We are convinced that as now constituted and led the National Council of Churches is a menace to the Church and to the nation — it is an ecclesiastical octopus which seeks to invade and pervade every field of activity of the Church and of the government. If this influence was in terms of Biblical Christianity we would thank God and gladly cooperate.

However, from the almost daily official releases which we receive from the offices of that organization we are convinced that those who determine the final policies — elected leaders and employed secretariat — have a concept of the Church totally at variance with the historic position of Protestant Christianity and that these men are determined to foist their own interpretation of the mission of the Church on American Protestantism and on our American Government.

It is our firm conviction that the protagonists of the National Council will render their greatest service in facing these facts and using their influence to eradicate them.

## Diversion—A Tactic of Satan

In our deep concern over world developments, outside and inside the Church, there is the gravest danger of Christians finding their activities and energies diverted from the main issues of life.

Probably no text has been used more frequently by pastors on entering the ministry of a particular church than the words of Paul: "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

During some mountain top spiritual experience we laymen have repeatedly resolved to take our Christian faith into daily life and make it a vital part of our business and other relationships.

But the Devil has other plans.

He does not want the minister to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified. He does not want the layman to act and live like a Christian from day to day.

*Diversion* is one of his favorite tactics.

There are so many issues which seem of grave importance. Let the ministers preach on them instead of Christ and His redemption for sinners on the Cross. Let the layman concentrate on impressing others with his own piety; let him stay clear from overdoing his Christianity; let him leave prayer and Bible study more or less to his pastor. In fact just go easy on going all out for Christ.

Across the Church today the success of Satan's devices is for all to see. All of us frequently find our time and energies diverted to secondary things and through this Satan wins a great victory.

As one studies the multiplied activities and programs of the average church one is impressed with how many secondary things, many of them intrinsically good, have taken priority in our own personal lives and in the life of the Church as a whole, while *the one thing which should be denied to no man*, a saving knowledge of God's plan of redemption, is shoved off in one corner and ignored or neglected.

What a victory for Satan!

## Communism or Christian Concern

### Prefatory Note

*(Many sincere persons have been led to believe that the Communist principle, "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need," is an expression of the Christian virtue of love for one's neighbor. And many others, while not quite convinced that this is true, are vaguely uneasy about the matter. They feel that the Bible seems to indicate something along this line, and they are not sure that their own attitudes are in keeping with Scriptural teaching.)*

*Actually, the Christian virtue of charity and the obligations of the second Great Commandment give no support whatever to the collectivistic, socialistic, or communistic schemes which are being advanced today, too often in the name of Christ. The purpose of this article is to exhibit the fact that Biblical precepts and the practice of the early Church comprise a call to Christian concern for our fellows in need and not a call to coercive collectivism.)*

### Scripture — Acts 4:32 - 5:11

It is important to remember that the Church is not merely a human organization, established by men and women of common interests for the improvement of society and the achievement of goals which they may deem desirable.

It is important to remember that the mission and the program of the Church have been determined by its Lord and are clearly defined in the Scriptures. And if the Church is to be the true Church, it must ever remain faithful to the program and mission defined for it.

The mission which has been assigned the Church by Christ, its Head, is a distinctly spiritual mission, designed to bring men to a knowledge of God and of Jesus Himself, "the lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world."

It is called by the apostle Paul, "the ministry of reconciliation," and God's servants are spoken of as "ambassadors of Christ." The assignment of the task of the Church was given in unambiguous terms as Jesus said just before His ascension, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them

in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

An examination of the life and ministry of Christ reveals that the mission of the Church is but an extension of the ministry of our Lord Himself. For while it is true that Jesus was concerned for many needs of men; while He healed, comforted, fed, rescued, and even raised from the clutches of death, it is impossible to escape the obvious fact that His primary purpose had to do with man in his relation to God, as He gave the fuller revelation of God ("He that hath seen me hath seen the Father") and then gave Himself as the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world ("The Son of Man has come . . . to give His life a ransom for many.") Clearly, it is this of which He spoke as He said that He had come "that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly,"—not a full dinner pail and a gallon of milk on every door-step.

Living in the historical situation in which we find ourselves, it is interesting to note that Jesus and His disciples did not seek to function as a pressure group on political, social, or economic issues. With Church groups attacking our nation's policy of military preparedness, it should be observed that John did not tell the soldiers who came to him that they should quit the army—only that they should not be abusive and be content with their wages. With Church organizations agitating for fair play in the distribution of wealth, minimum wages, etc., it is significant to recognize that when two brothers came to Jesus contesting an inheritance, He made no speech on "social justice" and pointedly refused to judge as to who should have what. Even more interesting is the fact that when Onesimus, the runaway slave, became a Christian under the ministry of Paul, he was sent back to his master, Philemon, and that with no suggestion that he be emancipated, only that he be received as a Christian brother. It was obviously anticipated that this instruction should be obeyed within the framework of the then existing sociological structure.

It would be a grave mistake to reason from any facts just cited that Jesus and the apostles were not interested in abuses of their time. Actually, they were very much concerned, we know, for all aspects of life. But the heart of the matter is that they knew that man's spiritual condition was of first

importance. Also, they knew that society would change only as men were changed. And to try to change the social order by changing its laws without changing the men who made up that social order would be utterly futile—and even if successful would be a poor substitute for the fulfillment of their real mission.

In recognition of this truth, the Westminster Confession of Faith affirms (Ch. 33, Par. 4), "Synods and councils are to handle or conclude nothing but that which is ecclesiastical: and are not to intermeddle with civil affairs which concern the commonwealth unless by way of humble petition in cases extra-ordinary; . . ."

It is a matter of considerable concern to many within the Churches of America that the tendency is increasingly apparent for the Church to change its course from the fulfillment of its God-appointed spiritual mission, beginning to dabble in things political, economic, and sociological. The extreme to which the Church is capable of going in such matters is indicated by the program of so-called "Christian Service" which was urged upon the women of a large religious body not long ago. This program called for action on twelve issues: (1) support of the United Nations; (2) long-term reciprocal trade agreements; (3) support of foreign technical assistance; (4) revision of the McCarran-Walter immigration act; (5) limitation of Senate rule on debate; (6) opposition to the Bricker amendment; (7) expanded public housing; (8) curtailing radio and TV advertising of alcohol; (9) limitation of nuclear tests and disarmament; (10) abolition of compulsory military training; (11) Federal aid to education; (12) Federal civil rights legislation. Surely such a program as this would give the apostles quite a whirl if there were anything to the idea of the saints turning over in their graves because of the folly of their spiritual descendants. For it would be difficult for them to see that any one of these objectives is in any way related to the mission of the Church.

Now our point of particular interest in this message is that the sociological reforms which are being peddled in the name of the Church are consistently in the direction of state paternalism, collectivism, or socialism in more or less moderate forms; and it is being alleged that these are but expressions of Christian principles. And if we would be truly Christian must all go along. Was it not true of the

Christians of the New Testament Church, "as many as were possessors of land or houses, sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need?" Is this not an application of the principle "from each according to his ability; to each according to his need"?

## II

To understand the economics of the early Christian community, it is necessary to examine a number of passages of Scripture and to remember the situation in which many Christians of that day found themselves as they became a part of the Church.

First of all, we must remember that in the first decades of the Christian era, becoming a Christian frequently involved tremendous personal sacrifice. The Jewish convert was cast out by his family, he would be ostracized by his former business associates, and frequently his means of livelihood would be completely lost to him.

Now what was to be done for these people who had truly left all for Jesus' sake? How was this critical situation to be met? We find that it was done by the method of which we read in Acts 4 and 5: those who had possessions, having also a great concern for their Christian friends in their great need, sold their possessions, brought the returns of those sales and put them into the treasury that distribution might be made to those who were destitute. We see here the element of true Christian concern, but it is important to recognize that we do not have a primitive form of Communism or Socialism. This is indicated by several facts which are recorded in Acts.

In the first place, we notice (Acts 5:4) that this expression of Christian concern was a completely voluntary thing. It was not legislated Socialism (ecclesiastical or secular), nor was it forced upon anyone. Rather, we find Peter saying to Ananias and Sapphira, "Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not thine own? And, after it was sold, was it not in thine own power?" Very clearly, Ananias was free either to sell the land or to keep it. And having determined to sell, it was within his power to decide whether he would give any, all

or a part for the relief of those in need. So the very passage which speaks of the "having things common" indicates that the program was a voluntary expression of Christian concern for the needs of fellow Christians, and was not a program of compulsory collectivism such as we hear advocated all too often today.

The absence of the Communistic pattern of life in the early Church is seen also in the sixth chapter of Acts which tells of the choice of Deacons. The first Deacons were chosen to administer the material affairs of the church to the end that the widows of Gentile background might not be neglected. Now this is important because it shows that there was no communistic gathering of all resources and distribution to all — had such been the case there would have been none who were thus being neglected.

That private property was still held by the members of the Church in Jerusalem is abundantly apparent from Acts 12. When Peter was delivered from prison he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many were gathered together praying. From the indication of the number of people gathered and also from the way in which Rhoda answered his knock and reported it to the others, it would seem that the house was a sizable one and Mary a person of considerable means.

It is interesting to note that in Antioch also, the ownership of property was a matter of private concern. We read in 11:29 that an offering was being taken in Antioch to send to the poor Christians at Jerusalem. There is no suggestion that the offering was taken from a common purse which had been established previously, but "every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea."

Enough said. Certainly it is clear from the evidence in the Book of Acts that the early Church was not a communistic or socialistic society, but that Christians continued to work, receive income, and hold property, extending the helping hand of Christian concern to other Christians who had lost all for the sake of Christ. And any attempt to foist collectivism upon the American people in the name of the early Church will proceed from misunderstanding of the precepts and practices of our spiritual forebears — or more likely, from indifference to these matters in undiscerning zeal for the cause being espoused.

The other Biblical truth to which collectivistic movements seek to attach themselves is the Golden Rule, "As you would therefore that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." It has been deduced from this precept that "we should desire for everyone else everything which we ourselves enjoy." The principle lends itself to the support of any paternalistic or socialistic effort which may need a bit of bolstering at the moment—the latest the writer has encountered being a public housing project.

But does the golden rule and the commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves require that we desire for them everything that we possess? ("I will not be rich while any man is poor." etc.): Several observations may be useful at this point:

1. The do-gooders do not take from their own pockets to try to give everyone what they have—they take it by force of taxation from other people's pockets to accomplish their generosity. Robin Hood makes good reading for children but bad economics and worse Christian ethics.

2. The good Samaritan who is perhaps the ideal of the good neighbors, did not feel constrained to follow this precept. He ministered to the suffering man's need, but he does not appear to have bought the man an ass like his own nor to have set him up in business.

3. The reasoning is not valid. No sane person expects everyone who has more than he to try to bring him up to his level. And with similar sanity, he knows that doing to others as he would be done by does not require any such economic adjustments.

4. We should not overlook the Biblical instructions that there is a direct relation between one's endeavors and his enjoyment of the material things of life: "He that will not work, neither let him eat."

The Bible plainly teaches that we should have a Christian concern for those in need and especially if they are of the household of faith. Those who lack the very essentials of life should be the recipients of our compassion and of our very active assistance. But this is a far different thing from the socialistic schemes to rob the rich and help the poor being urged upon us. In fact, if the programs being suggested are followed to their natural conclusion, Christian charity will be impossible, for the state will control everything and we will have nothing to give.

Christian friends, let us never be diverted from the great mission which Christ, the Head of the Church, has assigned us. It is His desire that the Gospel be preached to the uttermost ends of the earth. It is His desire that men come to a personal faith in the atoning work which has been accomplished on Calvary's cross, accomplished at an utterly staggering cost to God Himself. And it is our high calling and holy responsibility to declare to all who will hear the marvels of God's love, the forgiveness of sins in Christ, the assurance of God's blessing in Him, and the hope of an endless life with Him.

Friends, this is the mission and message of the Church. The message of the Church is not that of more soap, better diet, and improved housing. Surely, as men come into the fold of God and are transformed by His grace, many wonderful blessings will flow upon them and through them to the society of which they are a part. But the purpose of the Church is that of changing men and not just of changing laws in the hope that society will be benefited thereby. You know, it is much easier to change laws than to change men, to clean up a sub-standard housing district than to cleanse the hearts of men. But if society is ever to be changed, it will be only when men are changed. Perhaps this seems to some people to be the longest way around, but surely it is the shortest way home. Furthermore, it is the only way we will ever get there, for it is the only way God has appointed for the building of His kingdom of righteousness.



## Building a New World

*"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Zechariah 4:6.*

Men are always trying to build a tower that will reach unto heaven. They like to boast about what man can do. (Right now they are busy shooting at the moon.)

Dr. Borcham says that the Tower of Babel was a Tower of Blunders. There were three things wrong with their plans: (1) Their *Motive* was wrong: they wished to make themselves a name. (2) Their *Method* was wrong. In a geyser the water gushes up from the ground. It is of little use. The clouds drop down the water that the earth needs. Our New World will not be built up from earth, but will come down from heaven. The New Jerusalem comes down from God. (3) Their *Materials* were wrong: you cannot build a new world out of bricks and slime. So with most of the world-builders today: they too are trying with wrong motive, the wrong method, and the wrong materials.

We certainly need a New World. I have been interested in some of the suggestive cartoons of the World with its face all patched up, or with its "Trouble Spots" like smallpox, or with a fuse burning ready to blow it to bits. Yes, we need a new world for this one is full of sin and sorrow and sickness and pain. How will we get it? Will it come by man's power or wisdom or wealth? The prophet warns us that it will not come this way. In Jeremiah 9:23,24 we hear him say: "Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord." A new world will never be built by war, or wisdom of man, or wealth of big business.

To have a New World we must have New People. Only the Spirit of God can make new people. They will have to be born again, born from above. We need people who are waging war against sin; people who have wisdom from above, which

is pure, peaceable, gentle, and without partiality; people who have the Law of God written upon their hearts and the Law of Love. We need people who are rich toward God, who have the unsearchable riches of Christ: people who have put Him upon the throne of their hearts. When we have such people we will have a New World.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*

DATE: January 31, 1964

FROM : W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

SUBJECT: CHURCH GROUP DEPLORES RED TAG ON COUNCIL, "EVENING STAR ARTICLE, 1/30/64

*R. Smith*  
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Reference is made to the enclosed clipping relative to the above-captioned matter containing the Director's question, "Did they meet with FBI? H." The answer is, yes they did meet with the FBI on February 8, 1963. The circumstances are as follows:

Congressman Armistead Inge Selden, Jr., of Alabama, called the Bureau on 12/27/62 to advise that [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] would like to speak preferably with Mr. J. Edgar Hoover concerning the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC). He said they would also speak with Congressman Francis Walters of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The matter was assigned to me for handling.

On talking with these two gentlemen on 2/5/63, we discussed religion and communism generally at which time I pointed out that religion had always been a target of communists who sought to infiltrate and use churches and church organizations. I explained to these men the resistance to communism on the part of the overwhelming majority of clergymen in the United States, while at the same time emphasizing that one clergyman who knowingly or unknowingly serves the communist cause is one too many. Further, I explained to these men that the FBI does not evaluate persons or organizations and, therefore, no judgment could be passed on the NCCC. They wanted to know if it had ever been cited as a communist front, and I told them that no such citation was known to me. I referred them to literature on the subject.

Enclosed will be found copies of two memoranda which relate to this matter.

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For the information of the Director. FEB 2 1964

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# Church Group Deplores Red Tag on Council

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (AP)—A Protestant Episcopal commission today denounced as false the charges that have been made that the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America is a "tool of communism."

The joint commission on ecumenical relations of the

general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. A. based its finding on a two-year study of all aspects of the national council.

"The commission feels that increased participation in the work of the NCC is a means whereby the Protestant Episcopal Church can strengthen

Christian influences in American and world society," the report said.

"We recognize that some of the criticism of the NCC comes from political extremists who, in their desire to discredit the NCC, do not weigh their charges carefully.

"Nevertheless, we have tried honestly to investigate their accusations to the effect that the NCC is a Communist conspiracy or that it harbors Communist sympathizers and allies.

"In their examination, therefore, the members of our study committee met with personnel of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the

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Federal Bureau of Investigation, but were not able to discover any fact or record that would support such charges. We conclude that they are false."

Without naming the accus-cha, the report said:

"The allegation that the NCC has given intellectual comfort to the Communists by following certain economic and social lines is based on the erroneous assumption that people who attack the same economic and social problems must share the same principles."

Declaring that the council's record shows that its forces are enlisted in the fight for free

men in a free world, the report said:

"The NCC does and should resent attacks that call it a 'tool of communism.'"

The report said the National Council never has taken action on the matter of recognition of Red China, although the Fifth World Order Study Conference at Cleveland in 1958 recommended that the United Nations admit and the United States recognize Red China.

The council, the report said, has stated that "the status of the findings of this conference has the standing only of a study document and does not

represent an official view of the NCC."

The Right Rev. J. Brooks Mosley, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Delaware, was chairman of the commission.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of January 18th and can understand the concern prompting your communication.

*President of United Church Women of [REDACTED]*

While I would like to be of service to you, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, information contained in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. You may be interested in knowing, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the National Council of Churches.

The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. Their efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.


Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this atheistic philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept

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Regrettably, there is a tendency on the part of some to make exaggerated charges as to the extent of communist success in gaining influence within legitimate organizations and segments of our society, such as our religious institutions. We must continually be alert to communist attempts to penetrate and influence; however, our efforts must be rational and objective.

I am enclosing some material I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
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January 18, 1964

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Inasmuch as you may never personally see this letter it is a little difficult to word, but I shall try.

I have just been elected President of the [REDACTED], an organization which is affiliated with the [REDACTED] Council of Churches which in turn is affiliated with the National Council of Churches. As a result of publicity about my election in our local newspaper I have just received a letter, written in all sincerity I feel sure, from a woman in a near-by community expressing concern for what she understands as "communistic activity" of the National Council of Churches, and enclosing many issues of a publication called "The Paul Revere" message which documents many claims of this communistic leaning of the NCC and of many of its leaders including Dr. Eugene Carson Flake and Dr. Martin Luther King.

As a newly elected leader in our local association I do not feel that I can pass this literature off as merely "crackpot" but I am at a loss as to where to find the truth or falseness of its accusations. --As head of the FBI and a member of the National Presbyterian Church (which partially supports the missionary work of my sister [REDACTED])

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can direct my reading and research into these claims.

Thank you for your attention and guidance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of January 17th and can understand the concern which prompted your inquiry.

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NOTE: No derogatory information appears in Bufiles concerning correspondent. The quote of the Director set forth in his letter appeared in a reprint entitled "The Menace of Communism" which is now out of print. It was based upon the Director's testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on 3-26-47 and is accurate as far as quoted. A copy of this page is attached.

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January 17, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please send to me at the above address any documents, brochures,  
or the names of authenticated books relative to THE NATIONAL COUNCIL  
OF CHURCHES.

I am writing to your office because of this quote which was called  
to my attention:

J. Edgar Hoover, "I confess to a real apprehension,  
so long as Communists are able  
to secure ministers of the gospel  
to promote their evil work."

As a church member it is well to know why certain trends of thought  
are promoted by ministers.

Sincerely,

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National defense: The Communist Party of the United States is a fifth column if there ever was one. It is far better organized than were the Nazis in occupied countries prior to their capitulation.

They are seeking to weaken America just as they did in their era of obstruction when they were alined with the Nazis. Their goal is the overthrow of our Government.

There is no doubt as to where a real Communist's loyalty rests. Their allegiance is to Russia, not the United States.

A top functionary of the Communist Party recently said:

A war by the United States against the U. S. S. R. would be an unjust war, which is why it must be fought against, but that if it should come the Communist Party in the United States would be with Russia, and make no mistake about that.

In another section of the country another Communist leader made the following statement:

I believe that everyone should know that we are for Russia and if need be we will die for the cause. I don't mean that war with Russia is coming now; I hope not, so that Russia will be better prepared.

What to do: What can we do? And what should be our course of action? The best antidote to communism is vigorous, intelligent, old-fashioned Americanism with eternal vigilance. I do not favor any course of action which would give the Communists cause to portray and pity themselves as martyrs. I do favor unrelenting prosecution wherever they are found to be violating our country's laws.

As Americans, our most effective defense is a workable democracy that guarantees and preserves our cherished freedoms.

I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence, and the industry to learn about this menace of Red fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who has been hoodwinked and duped into joining hands with the Communists. I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism. I do fear so long as school boards and parents tolerate conditions whereby Communists and fellow travelers, under the guise of academic freedom, can teach our youth a way of life that eventually will destroy the sanctity of the home, that undermine faith in God, that causes them to scorn respect for constituted authority and sabotage our revered Constitution.

I do fear so long as American labor groups are infiltrated, dominated or saturated with the virus of communism. I do fear the palliation and weasel-worded gestures against communism indulged in by some of our labor leaders who should know better but who have become pawns in the hands of sinister but astute manipulations for the Communist cause.

I fear for ignorance on the part of all our people who may take the poisonous pills of Communist propaganda.

I am deeply concerned whenever I think of the words of an old-time Communist. Disillusioned, disgusted and frightened he came to us with his story and concluded:

God help America or any other country if the Communist Party ever gets strong enough to control labor and politics.  
God help us all!

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January 8, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 3rd has been received.

In response to your inquiries, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer from my inability to be of aid either that we do or do not have related data in our files.

Sincerely yours,

*L. Edgar Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. This letter is typical of the many citizen inquiries we are receiving at the present time relative to the controversy between the National Council of Churches and the American Council of Christian Laymen.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington D. C.,

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing you about a matter of very deep concern to me. For one thing, I have 3 boys who may be going to college in the next few years. The other is that in our Mennonite Biblical Seminary, at Elkhart Ind, one Dr. George A. Buttrick was chosen as commencement speaker in 1962. In our Mennonite College, known as Bluffton College at Bluffton Ohio, one Dr. Edwin J. Dahlberg was the Bible lecturer this past Nov. 17-21-1963. I have a book, "Collectivism In The Churches," by Edgar C. Bundy, and published by the Church League of America, Wheaton Ill., also a pamphlet, "How Red Is The National (Federal) Council of Churches," published by the "American Council of Christian Laymen." The information, if correct, in these 2 publications concerning Dr. Buttrick and Dr. Dahlberg, as well as a host of others, is high unsavory, and I would like to know if the author, publishers and publications can be relied on as being true and accurate. Please advise at your very earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,





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Washington D.C.,

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Very sincerely yours,  
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January 8, 1964

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of January 3rd.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI, being an investigative agency of the Federal Government, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Also information contained in the files of the FBI is confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In view of the foregoing, I am sure you will understand why it is not possible for me to comment in the manner you requested concerning the National Council of Churches. However, I would like to point out that this organization has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Correspondent requested information concerning communist infiltration of the National Council of Churches and the names of any members of the National Council of Churches who are known to be communists.

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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

January 3, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As you well know, the National Council of Churches has often been the recipient of allegations that there are Communist infiltrating them. I should like to know if the F.B.I. has ever discovered this to be the case. Have there ever been or are there now any Communists who are members of the National Council of Churches? If so, what are their names?

I ask you this information, simply because I have heard so many slandering remarks made against that Council and always the word "Communist" somehow manages to become part of the conversation. Therefore I would like to know your opinion on the subject.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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December 18, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of December 13th and can understand the concern prompting your communication.

The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. Their efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this atheistic philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

Regrettably, there is a tendency on the part of some to make exaggerated charges as to the extent of communist success in gaining influence within legitimate organizations and segments of

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our society, such as our religious institutions. We must continually be alert to communist attempts to penetrate and influence; however, our efforts must be rational and objective.

I am enclosing some material I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (4)  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism  
4-1-61 LEB Introduction  
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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December 13, 1963

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am concerned about the various charges I hear over the radio and other sources that the heads of the National Council of Churches are known Communist sympathizers if not active Communists.

Can you give me any information concerning this charge or direct me to any source where I could obtain this information?

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated December 2nd has been received.

In response to your inquiry regarding the National Council of Churches, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can assure you, however, that this group has never been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau.

Enclosed are publications I hope you find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Enclosures (5)
- "Keys to Freedom"
- "Faith to Freedom"
- Deadly Duel
- The Communist Menace
- One Nation's Response to Communism

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Dec 2, 1963

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Im writing to you for some information concerning  
the National Council of Churches.

I am a Mennonite of the General Conference Branch,  
which is a passive type of Religion.

We had a peace seminar in our church put on by  
some leader of our General Conference. A panel discussion was  
involved. The subjects were on Communism, Racial equality and  
disarmament. I won't go into detail how the peace seminar worked  
out, but my writing to you should explain why Im concerned.

Our General Conference is being influenced by the  
National Council of Churches. I have studied some of their  
policies and from my observations I believe they're way out on the  
"left." Am I correct on this?

If you have information on the N. C. C. I would  
appreciate very much if you could send me some of this information  
or give me your views on the subject. I served in the armed forces  
of our country and as a citizen of our beloved land I think it is my  
duty to seek this information. Thank you so much



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Dec 2, 1963

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December 5, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of December 2nd and I want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped that our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

This Bureau does not have material bearing upon the topic of your interest available for distribution. Further, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have mentioned. You may be assured, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature which I hope will be of interest to you. Perhaps you may also wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." The former was written with the hope that it would help its readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities. The latter is a comprehensive study of the development and expansion of communism throughout the world. Copies may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (5) (See NOTE and ENCLOSURES next page)

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**NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.**

**Counterintelligence Activities  
Internal Security Statement 4-17-62  
LEB Introduction April, 1961  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely  
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals**

December 2, 1963

J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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During the current quarter, the local First Baptist Church, of which I am an active member, is conducting a seminar during the Baptist Training Union period on Sunday nights. The book we are studying is "Christians Confront Communism". I have found it to be a very good book, and written so it can be pretty well understood. I sincerely wish that more adults in our church would take the course - and also wish that more churches would conduct such courses. I believe this is a MUST for Americans.

I have read quite a bit about the National Council of Churches. Just yesterday the Charleston newspaper carried an article of a church in Alabama withholding their contributions to the church's headquarters until they were assured that none of their contributions were forwarded on to the National Council of Churches. It stated that their biggest reason for such action was that the NCC was Communist dominated. If such is true, then I definitely do not want my church to contribute to the NCC in any manner.

Do you have any information or literature that you might care to send me concerning the NCC? If the above statement is correct, then I will certainly instigate action in our church to withhold funds so that the NCC will not receive them.

As just one of many millions, I am thankful that we have you as director of our leading law enforcement department. I pray that in the years to come you will not be called upon to use your force in any way other than that for which it was intended.

Very truly yours

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November 26, 1963

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of November 19th and want you to know how much I appreciate your kind comments about the FBI and my administration of it.

In response to your inquiry, the information attributed to the FBI has not been released by this Bureau. Data in FBI files is maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only.

Pursuant to Executive Order 10450, commonly referred to as the Federal Employee Security Program, the FBI is charged with checking against its files the names and fingerprints of applicants, appointees and employees of agencies in the executive branch of the Federal Government. When allegations of possible disloyalty exist -- whether disclosed by this check of our files or by other sources -- it is our responsibility to conduct an investigation. Our reports are transmitted to the interested Federal agencies, without comment or recommendation by this Bureau, for their review and decisions as to action. You may be sure the FBI is continuing to handle its responsibilities with the same dispatch and thoroughness that have characterized our investigations in the past.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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**Internal Security Statement 4-17-62**

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**One Nation's Response to Communism**

TRUE COPY

Nov. 19, 1963

Honorable Edgar J. Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

From the depths of my soul I want to thank you for the wonderful work you have done and are doing as the head of the F. B. I. We Americans feel some sense of security as long as we have men of your character. Since I understand you are a born-again Christian, I want to say "God bless you abundantly". (I read your article written for "Christianity Today.") I am sure there are thousands of Christians praying for you and your tremendously important work.

We read in papers and magazines so many alarming things. A few days ago I read an article which said that the F. B. I. know that there are 200 communists in our government. Is this true? (In Washington) Why can we not evict or get such men out of our American government? We are fearful that the present Administration is leading us into Communism. I see it as an impossibility to coexist with them. I fear that the National Council of Churches is having too much influence on the present Administration. Their program (UCC) seems to be much the same as that of the Communists.

AT CHRIST IN AMERICA

However, I feel that Americans in general are much more awake to the threat of Communism now than some years ago, thanks to your efforts and those of other brave and sound Americans including Dr. Judd.

I am sure that millions of good Americans together with me would beg that you continue to expose this fearful enemy which has slaughtered millions and millions of good people and Christians in the world.

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable Edgar J. Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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November 29, 1963

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Enclosed is one of Assistant Director William C. Sullivan's speeches together with other literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**Communism Confronts the United States** *by W.C. Sullivan*  
**Let's Fight Communism Sanely**  
**"Keys to Freedom"**  
**"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"**  
**The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals**

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles.

November 23, 1963

The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate any information you could send me concerning the matter of communism in the National Council of Churches.

I understand Mr. William Sullivan has spoken on this and I would like copies of any of his speeches you could send.

Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 14th, with enclosures, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret I am unable to comment as you requested but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. However, the Party's efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to operate against the welfare of our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this atheistic philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

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Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you. Perhaps you will also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism," which will give you an insight into the true nature of communism. Copies may be available at your local library. The stamped, self-addressed envelope you so thoughtfully furnished is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (6)

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. The first column of the article by Tom Anderson contains quotations attributed to the Director. These are correct from "God or Chaos" written in 1949, "Communist Propaganda and the Christian Pulpit" and from the Director's statement before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1947. Tom Anderson is one of the national officers of the John Birch Society and is known for his extreme conservative views.

Correspondent's stamped, self-addressed envelope  
4/17/62 Internal Security Statement  
FBI LEB, Intro 4/61  
"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
The Communist Party Line

TRUE COPY

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing an article written by Tom Anderson in "The Sunbelt Dairy Mon" pertaining to the National Council of Churches and also the Methodist Church, of which I am a member, being communist infiltrated.

I have heard this before and I would like to know if it is true that there are communist in either the N. C. C. or Methodist Church strong enough to guide or control the thinking of either organization.

I knew of no other place where I would come nearer getting the truth than by asking the F. B. I.

Thanking you for any help you might be able to give me.

Sincerely  
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## STRAIGHT TALK

● TOM ANDERSON  
President

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HERE is the communist plan for America after their termites and the American fellow-borers have taken us over, from within:

"The churches of America will remain free to continue their service, but their special tax and other privileges will be liquidated. Their buildings will revert to the state, religious schools will be abolished and organized religious training for minors prohibited. Freedom will be established for anti-religious propaganda. God will be banished from the laboratories as well as from the schools. The press, the motion picture, the radio, the theatre will be taken over by the government. We must make our school boys and girls not merely non-religious, but actively and passionately anti-religious. We must not rest content with the expulsion of religious propaganda from the school. We must see to it that the school assumes the offensive against religious propaganda in the home, so that from the very outset the children's minds shall be rendered immune to all those religious fairy tales which many grown-ups continue to regard as truth."

J. Edgar Hoover has said that the communists "have operated under the guise of some church commission or religious body and it is ghastly to see the monster atheism being nourished in the churches which it seeks to destroy . . . I confess to a real apprehension so long as communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to do their evil work." In an article in *Christianity Today*, Hoover wrote, "No assignment is more strategic in the communist world today than the disruption of the Church of God—both within and outside the Iron Curtain." Mr. Hoover says that the communist tactic is to get clergymen or laymen to sign communist sponsored

petitions which favor communist objectives while cleverly hiding the communist inspiration.

Herbert Philbrick, author of "I Led Three Lives," and for nine years an undercover agent for the F.B.I. said, "We are losing the fight for freedom—there are more names of ministers than any other profession on the list of communist supporters in this country."

### Does the National Council of Churches Speak for You?

Churches representing 38 million protestants belong to the National Council of Churches. Leaders of the National Council of Churches through their resolutions and pronouncements presumably speak for the 38 million members on social and political as well as spiritual matters. These people have never earned nor been given that right. But on your behalf, if your church is a member, the N.C.C. has recommended on the subject of U. S. subordination to the will of the United Nations: "We believe citizens should prepare themselves for such eventuality. It would not then be an undue shock to public opinion, since people would have a more mature view, better able to interpret *democracy at work* on a world scale, with the benefits as well as the risks that the extension of democracy always entails."

Thus, the nation's largest Christian organization says our country may soon have to subordinate its will to that of the U.N., that we should surrender without war to the communist-dominated U.N. The leading protestant church organization thus advocates surrender to the atheists, neutrals, cannibals and communists.

The N.C.C. stands hand-in-hand with left-wingers like Walter Reuther (who has declared that "man is God") in promoting practically every social-

ist scheme you could imagine: public power, foreign aid, United Nations, "cultural exchange," mental health, fluoridation, social security, public housing, urban renewal, higher minimum wage, repeal of "right-to-work" laws, more welfare benefits, metro, federal aid to education, F.E.P.C., etc.

#### Guilt By Agreement

Further, the N.C.C. and the communists appear to have the following common aims: peaceful coexistence; peace at any (communist) price; disarmament, and killing Selective Service; ban on nuclear testing; integration; smearing of Joe McCarthy; clemency for convicted communist spies; destruction of our immigration and passport laws; discrediting of J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I.; reconstruction of religion on basis of modern scientific materialism; abolishment of American loyalty-security laws; abolishment of all our investigating committees on Communism; a One-World, cooperative, non-profit socialistic brotherhood; abolishment of loyalty oaths; recognition of Red China by the U. S.; admission of Red China to the U.N.; defeat of the Bricker Amendment which would have made it unlawful for our President and State Department to make secret, unconstitutional treaties; repeal of Connally Reservation which permits the United States to decide for itself what are domestic issues, and protects us from a communist-dominated World Court which could, without the Connally Reservation, order us to give up the Panama Canal, our base in Cuba, etc.

Although such is not "official" policy," many of the leaders and theologians most prominent in the National Council of Churches have suggested or argued such things as:

1. The Bible is a mythology.
2. Jesus was probably the illegitimate son of a German soldier.
3. Jesus was not God, nor ever became Divine.
4. Substitutionary atonement, Hell, the Virgin Birth, and the Second Coming of Christ are merely fairy stories.

The Methodist Federation for Social Action's "Social Questions Bulletin," in its February, 1959 issue, describes Russia and China as making great advances, with full employment, while we have 4 million jobless in comparison. It uses United Nations figures. It forgets to mention that in Com-

munist China everybody works, where, when, and how the tyrants decree. It forgets to mention the millions of murdered Chinese; the millions of mothers who're denied the right to keep their own babies and who act mainly as brood mares and work-horses. They forget to mention that the bloody Red leaders have bragged that half of their 600 million people are easily expendable and that they, because of sheer numbers, will win any nuclear war.

N.C.C. literature has stated: "The Christian ideal calls for hearty support of a planned economic system . . . It demands that cooperation shall replace competition as a fundamental method . . ."

Many clergymen affiliated with the N.C.C. preach that Communism and Socialism are the new social order and express more nearly than Capitalism the "Brotherhood of Man."

Christianity emphasizes individualism and the infinite importance of the individual. Not the government, not the masses, but the *individual* is the ideal of Christianity and of our Founding Fathers. Our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution and our Bill of Rights are all based on the God-given rights of the individual.

#### Church: Number One Communist Target

Some may say that articles like this are tearing down the church. On the contrary. The communists, socialists and fellow-travelers are tearing down the Church. These termites of the Cross are sapping our strength, dividing us, and wrecking the House of God. I believe in Christianity. I have little regard for Christians who sabotage other Christians; who fight the wrong enemy. Neither Methodism nor Catholicism is the enemy. The enemy is bloody, conniving, destructive, cancerous, atheistic Communism.

Many church members are worried. Some have quit. But you can't win by quitting. The socialists and communists then have a free ride with those who remain and with the children.

Will we continue to support with our membership and money a church which asks that we clasp the bloody hand of a gangster regime which is trying to exterminate God from the minds and hearts of all people?



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Dear [REDACTED]

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With regard to your inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches, the FBI being strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can assure you, however, that this organization has never been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Our Greatest Investment America's Youth
- "Keys To Freedom"
- "Faith in God—Our Answer To Communism"
- Deadly Days
- The Story of the FBI

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**NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. His enclosures were pamphlets denouncing the National Council of Churches as being socialistically inclined and sympathetic to communism. The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC. (100-50869)**

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November 14, 1963

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J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are samples of some of the literature which has been handed to me concerning The National Council of Churches. I am informed that directly and indirectly this organization has been investigated concerning communist activities. The informant states that the National Council of Churches is Communist Dominated".

If it would be in order I would appreciate your evaluation of the National Council of Churches in regard to its status as "A Communist Dominated Organization".

I am making this request for first-hand evaluation and information as a member and officer of the First Presbyterian Church of [Redacted] and also as Principal of the [Redacted]

Thank You.

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At a Constituting Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, 1950, the Federal Council of Churches "went underground" by merging with a dozen other interdenominational agencies under the name National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. The Federal Council will not surrender its legal charter, and its aims, programs and leadership are unchanged, although it is operating under a new name.



*Published by American Council of Christian Laymen  
Madison, Wis.*

**READ THE FACTS INSIDE AND  
DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS**

## THE FEDERAL COUNCIL PROMOTES SOCIALISM

In many official pronouncements, the Federal Council has attacked free enterprise, capitalism and the American way of life, and has baldly advocated Socialism.

In an official report in 1932, the Federal Council stated: "The Christian ideal calls for hearty support of a planned economic system. . . . It demands that cooperation shall replace competition as a fundamental method."

At a full meeting in Indianapolis in December, 1932, the Federal Council adopted unanimously this Socialist creed: "The churches should stand for social planning and control of the credit and monetary systems and the economic processes."

The following year, 1933, the Council officially declared: "The Christian conscience can be satisfied with nothing less than the complete substitution of motives of mutual helpfulness and good will for the motive of private gain."

The Federal Council has not changed since then. This anti-free enterprise, anti-profit attitude is still its fundamental policy. In Cleveland in January, 1945, they again attacked the right of private property as an absolute freedom, and further stated, "Many changes may be necessary in our economic practices. These changes will probably lie in the direction of a larger measure of social planning and control than characterized our pre-war system."

In 1948 at Amsterdam, the World Council of Churches, which is dominated by the Federal Council and was attended by most of its leading lights, adopted this resolution:

"The Christian Churches should reject the ideologies of both Communism and laissez-faire Capitalism." (Note: The resolution which was first adopted did not have the words "Laissez faire." These were added next day to "tone down" the resolution after unfavorable repercussions began to pour in.)

These are just a few illustrations which prove that the Federal Council believes in, preaches and advocates Socialism, and is completely opposed to the American (and Christian) system of Individual Freedom.

## MANY OF ITS PREACHERS ARE COMMUNISTS

Communism is materialistic, godless and intensely anti-Christian. It not only atheistically denies the existence of God; but it also carries on a vigorous and vicious campaign militantly teaching hatred of God. It is almost inconceivable that ministers of the gospel of Christ could be found chummyly associating with Communists and lending aid, and comfort to communist organizations—yet they do—by the thousands (see opposite page for a few notable examples).

A large number of the clergy affiliated with the Federal Council repeatedly preach that Communism is an advanced form of democracy; that it is the desirable next step in the forward progress of our society; that Communism and Socialism are the "new social order" and express more nearly than capitalism the true brotherhood of man; that they bring us closer to the realization of the ideals expressed by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount; that Russia is the land where all social and economic problems have been solved, where inequality, poverty and want have been abolished.

## EVEN MORE ARE FELLOW TRAVELERS

While some affiliated with the Federal Council are undoubtedly members of the Communist Party, most of those who have been actively aiding and abetting Socialism and Communism are fellow travelers: rather than actual members of the party.

However, it must be remembered that fellow travelers are more dangerous to America than outright Communists. It is generally they who lend an air of respectability to the vicious, debased movement that is Communism, and it is they who bring into communist fronts the innocents and dupes without whose aid, encouragement and financial support the front could not exist. It has been well said that a fellow traveler is a Communist without courage—one who believes in the principles of Marxism but without the intestinal fortitude publicly to join the party.

Under our code of laws one who aids and abets a criminal is just as guilty as the one who commits an overt crime. Anyone, be he minister or layman, who knowingly aids and abets the God-hating enemies of America and Christianity is just as guilty and just as un-American as a Communist.

J. Edgar Hoover. "I confess to a real apprehension, so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work."

## NAVAL INTELLIGENCE CONDEMNS FEDERAL COUNCIL

United States Naval Intelligence in 1935 reported that the Federal Council of Churches was subversive and was one of the strongest of the organizations "which while not openly advocating the 'force and violence' principles of the Communist Party give aid and comfort to the communist movement and party. . . . It is a large radical pacifist organization and probably represents 20,000,000 Protestants in the United States. However, its leadership consists of a small radical group which dictates its policies. It is always extremely active in any matters against national defense."

Since that time the activities and policies of the Federal Council have not improved one whit.

## WHAT SOME FEDERAL COUNCIL LEADERS HAVE SAID ABOUT COMMUNISM AND SOCIALISM

"Is it not probable that the greatest event of the 20th Century thus far is the Soviet Revolution and all it has meant to human welfare?" (Prof. Jerome Davis, long time member of the Federal Council inner circle.)

"It is my conviction that one cannot be a Christian, if he must function within a society where self-interest and personal profit are the dynamic of industrial life." (Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, Chairman Federal Council's Department on the Church and Cooperatives.)

"The principle of competition seems to be nothing more than a partly conventionalized embodiment of primeval selfishness." (Samuel McCrea Cavert, Genl. Secy. of Federal Council, in an official Council publication.)

"When the Western world was floundering in an unjust and competitive order. . . . God reached out and put his hand on the Russian communists to produce a juster order and to show a recumbent church what it has missed in its own gospel." (E. Stanley Jones, Federal Council-sponsored preacher and speaker.)

"The Christian religion is not a suitable religion for today." (Eduard C. Lindeman, Federal Council Commission on research, and editor 1930 and 1940.)

"The Soviet Union is progressing and growing up economically and politically since the time of the Czar, while capitalist society is starving and going down." (Harry F. Ward in a radio broadcast May 21, 1946.)

"Denominationally, I am a Presbyterian; religiously a Unitarian; and politically, I'm a Communist. I'm not preaching to make people good or anything of the sort. I'm in the church because I can reach people easier that way and get them organized for Communism." (Rev. Claude C. Williams, a confessed Communist Party member, Director of People's Institute of Applied Religion, and long-time intimate of prominent Federal Council personalities.)

"The only way out is an economic order which increasingly eliminates the profit motive." (Edward L. Parsons, Bishop of California.)

## HERETICAL APOSTASY OF SOME TOP FC LEADERS

"God for us cannot be . . . an . . . avenging Being who because of Adam's sin must have his Shylockian pound of flesh. No wonder the honest boy in justifiable repugnance could say, 'dirty bully.'" (Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, FC President, 1944-46, "Preaching in a Revolutionary Age," page 79.)

"Of course, I do not believe in the Virgin Birth, or in that old fashioned substitutionary doctrine of the atonement." (Dr. Harry E. Fosdick—for years FC radio speaker—in a letter, January, 1945.) . . . the theology of our forefathers is an insult to our intellect." (Fosdick on radio)

"Literal infallibility of Scripture is a fortress impossible to defend: there is treason in the camp. Probably few people who claim to believe every word of the Bible really mean it. That avowal held to its last logic would risk a trip to the insane asylum." (Dr. George A. Buttrick, FC President, 1940-42, "Christian Fact and Modern Doubt," page 162.)

## BE ALERT FOR FC'S DISHONEST DENIALS

In the past when some notorious Communist fellow traveler connected with the Federal Council has been criticized, the Federal Council has issued weasel-worded denials of such connection. They have even had the dishonesty to assume an air of indignation and protest that Bishop Francis J. McConnell had no connection with the Federal Council. Bishop McConnell was for years president of the Federal Council, and for many additional years was one of the leading members of the inner circle. Every name listed herein is or has been intimately connected with the Federal Council, most of them in high positions.

## FEDERAL COUNCIL LEADERS WHO HAVE HELPED COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS

These are just a few of the hundreds of present and past officers, leaders and prominent members of the Federal Council (now National) who have aided and abetted God-hating, un-American organizations.

(Numbers indicate affiliations with organizations)

Henry A. Atkinson — 4, 9, 10, 20, 30, 40, 45  
 Genl. Secy., World Alliance for Int. Friendship thru Rel.  
 Roswell P. Barnes — 10, 15, 23, 24, 36, 37, 39, 42, 46  
 Federal Council Secretary  
 John C. Bennett — 34, 36, 45  
 Prof., Union Theological Seminary, New York  
 W. Russell Bowie — 3, 4, 11, 13, 14, 15, 19, 24, 26, 34, 37, 41, 44  
 Prof., Union Theological Seminary, New York  
 Hugh Chamberlain Burr — 24, 37, 39, 42  
 Secy., Rochester (N. Y.) Federation of Churches  
 George A. Buttrick — 23, 24, 37, 40  
 Minister, Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church, New York  
 J. Henry Carpenter — 17, 21, 26, 40, 45  
 Federal Council Secretary  
 Samuel McCrea Cavert — 24, 37, 40, 46  
 Federal Council Secretary  
 Allan Knight Chalmers — 1, 11, 15, 23, 24, 26, 36, 37, 40, 42, 45, 46  
 Minister, B'way Tabernacle Congregational Church, N. Y. C.  
 Winifred Chappell — 3, 7, 8, 10, 18, 24, 30, 38  
 Secy., Methodist Federation for Social Action  
 Edwin T. Dahlberg — 12, 13. Elected President of NCC 1957.  
 For more complete and recent record of affiliations see 8-page tabloid-size brochure prepared by Church League of America and containing 11 "exhibits" photographically reproduced. Available from this Council at 25¢ per copy.  
 Jerome Davis — 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 46  
 Former Prof., Yale Divinity School  
 Mark A. Dawber — 9, 14, 38, 40  
 Secy., Home Missions Council, New York  
 Harold E. Fey — 1, 23, 24, 36, 42, 43  
 Assoc. Editor, The Christian Century, Chicago  
 Harry Emerson Fosdick — 1, 23, 24, 26, 29, 45  
 Ret. Former Prof. Union Theological Seminary, New York  
 Charles K. Gilbert — 11, 19, 28, 40, 44  
 Protestant Episcopal Bishop of New York  
 L. O. Hartman — 1, 5, 7, 8, 19, 30, 35, 37, 40, 44  
 Methodist Bishop  
 Ivan Lee Holt — 19, 23, 37, 44  
 Methodist Bishop, Former Pres. Federal Council  
 Walter M. Horton — 32, 36, 40  
 Prof., Oberlin (Ohio) Divinity School  
 William Lloyd Innes — 7, 8, 10, 16, 17, 20, 25, 26, 34, 36, 37, 40  
 Secy., New York State Council of Churches  
 F. Ernest Johnson — 17, 26  
 Federal Council Secretary  
 Edgar DeWitt Jones — 7, 23, 31, 37  
 Minister Emeritus, Woodward Christian Church, Detroit  
 E. Stanley Jones — 7, 45  
 Federal Council Preacher and Missionary  
 John Paul Jones — 12, 25, 38, 43  
 Minister, Union Church of Bay Ridge  
 Benson Y. Landis — 17  
 Federal Council Secretary  
 Henry Smith Leiper — 1, 4, 10, 10, 36, 33  
 Secy., World Council of Churches, New York  
 Edward C. Lindeman — 1, 7, 8, 10, 13, 15, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29  
 Prof., Columbia University  
 Halford E. Luceck — 2, 15, 16, 19, 24, 30, 34, 36, 37, 40, 42, 44  
 Prof., Yale Divinity School  
 John Mackay — 5, 40  
 President, Princeton Seminary  
 Francis J. McConnell — 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 19, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 46  
 Methodist Bishop, Former Pres. Federal Council  
 J. Howard Melish — 3, 7, 11, 12, 32, 37, 42  
 Suspended Rector P.E. Church of the Holy Trinity, Bklyn.  
 Abraham J. Muste — 1, 13, 15, 17, 24, 26, 28, 34, 46  
 Secy., Fellowship of Reconciliation  
 James Myers — 1, 11, 17, 24, 28, 39, 43  
 Federal Council Secretary  
 Reinhold Niebuhr — 5, 7, 15, 17, 23, 24, 28, 36, 37, 39, 42, 43, 45  
 Prof., Union Theological Seminary, New York  
 G. Bromley Ornam — 1, 9, 15, 24, 30, 32, 34, 36, 37, 40, 46  
 Methodist Bishop, former Pres. of Federal Council  
 Kirby Page — 1, 6, 15, 23, 24, 28, 30, 42, 46  
 Author, Lecturer, former Minister, Disciples of Christ

Edward L. Parsons — 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 23, 27, 34, 38  
 Prof. Episc. Bishop of Calif. (Ret.)  
 Edw. McNeill Potest — 14, 23, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 41, 46  
 Former President, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School  
 William Scarlett — 1, 11, 15, 36, 40  
 Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Missouri  
 Guy Emery Shipley — 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 14, 18, 22, 25, 28, 37  
 Editor, "The Churchman"  
 Ralph W. Sockman — 10, 23, 24, 45  
 Minister, Christ Church (Methodist) New York  
 William B. Spofford — 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 32, 34, 37, 40, 42, 43  
 For 25 yrs., Exec. Secy., Church Lea. for Ind. Demcy. (Ret.)  
 Worth M. Tippy — 7, 19, 30  
 Former Secy. of Federal Council  
 Channing Tobias — 3, 4, 7, 9, 16, 21, 22, 34, 38, 40  
 Director, Phelps-Stokes Fund, New York City  
 Willard E. Uphaus — 5, 10, 12, 14, 34, 36, 38  
 Exec. Secy., Natl. Religion & Labor Foundation  
 Henry P. Van Dusen — 3, 15, 36, 42, 46  
 President, Union Theological Seminary, New York  
 Walter Van Kirk — 10, 15, 23, 46  
 Federal Council Secretary  
 Harry F. Ward — 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 44  
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 Dean, Yale Divinity School

## SOME OF THE RED GROUPS THEY HAVE AIDED

A partial list of the Communist, Communist-front and socialist organizations with which various officers, leaders and prominent members of the National Council of Churches have been affiliated—together with citations from official sources as to the true nature of the organizations.

Note: We have a record of more than 1500 present and former communist, communist-front and socialist organizations and enterprises. Over 550 of these have been officially branded as such by one or more official government investigating bodies.

Only 46 out of this 1500 are listed below. Most Federal National Council leaders listed here, and hundreds of other NCC men, have been affiliated with many other subversive organizations, sometimes scores of others.

- 1) American Civil Liberties Union  
 "The A.C.L.U. is closely affiliated with the communist movement in the United States, and fully 90% of its efforts are on behalf of Communists who have come into conflict with the law. It claims to stand for free speech, free press, and free assembly, but it is quite apparent that the main function of the A.C.L.U. is to attempt to protect the communists in their advocacy of force and violence to overthrow the government."  
*Cong'l. Comm. to Investigate Communism (Feb. Comm.)*  
 "The American Civil Liberties Union may be definitely classed as a Communist front or 'transmission belt' organization."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 2) American Comm. for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom  
 "A Communist front formed to defend Communist teachers."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
 "This Communist front was established on Lincoln's birthday in 1930. . . . The activities of this group were always in behalf of Communists. . . . (It) has followed the Communist Party line as it switched and squirmed in support of the foreign policy of Soviet Russia."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*  
 Cited as "subversive and un-American."  
*Sub-Committee of the House Comm. on Appropriations*
- 3) American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born  
 Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
 "One of the oldest auxiliaries of the Communist Party in the United States."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
 "Among the Communist-Front organizations for racial agitation. Works closely with the International Labor Defense, legal arm of the Communist Party, in defense of foreign Communists and sympathizers."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 4) American Committee to Save Refugees  
 Cited as a Communist front.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
 "A Communist front operating in the Communist-refugee field. . . . has shown interest only in Communist refugees."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*

- 5) American Friends of Spanish Democracy  
"Organized by the Communist Party for the support of the Spanish Loyalist cause."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 6) American Fund for Public Service (the Garland Fund)  
"A major source for the financing of Communist Party enterprises such as the Daily Worker and New Masses, official Communist publications."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"Contributed more than \$1,500,000, all to the furtherance and support of left-wing Marxist projects. Had, as its trustees, the leaders of the Communist Party in America."  
*Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 7) American League for Peace and Democracy  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
"Established in an effort to create public sentiment on behalf of a foreign policy adapted to the interests of the Soviet Union."  
*Attorney General Francis Biddle*  
"The largest of the Communist front movements in the United States. . . . An examination of the program of the American League will show that the organization was nothing more nor less than a bold advocate of treason."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 8) American League Against War and Fascism  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
"A Communist-front organization. . . established in the United States in an effort to create public sentiment on behalf of a foreign policy adapted to the interests of the Soviet Union."  
*Attorney General Francis Biddle*  
Cited as a Communist front, completely under the control of Communists.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 9) American Round Table on India  
"A Communist front headed by Robert Norton, a well-known member of the Communist Party."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 10) American Youth Congress  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
". . . has been controlled by Communists and manipulated by them to influence the thought of American youth."  
*Attorney General Francis Biddle*  
"One of the principal fronts of the Communist Party, prominently identified with the White House picket line."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"One of the most influential front organizations ever established by the American Communist Party."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 11) Church League for Industrial Democracy  
(Now named Episcopal League for Social Action)  
An off-shoot of the militant socialist organization, League for Industrial Democracy. The CLID absorbed the Church Socialist League and is a radical pressure group operating within the churches to agitate against Constitutional government and to promote a social order patterned after that of Soviet Russia.  
"Their conventions have been addressed by outstanding Communists. The Church League ceased printing its own propaganda and distributes the pamphlets of the League for Industrial Democracy (a United Front league without the prefix 'Church'). The inference is that the Church League adopts the aims of its non-sectarian counterpart."  
*Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 12) Citizens' Committee for Harry Bridges  
Cited as a Communist front, formed to oppose deportation of Harry Bridges, Communist Party member and leader of the disastrous San Francisco general strike of 1934 which was planned by the Communist Party.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"Typical Communist created and controlled front organization."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 13) Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder  
Cited as a Communist organization.  
*Attorney General Francis Biddle*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 14) Civil Rights Congress  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
Cited as a Communist front organization, "dedicated not to the broader issues of civil liberties, but specifically to the defense of individual Communists and the Communist Party" and "controlled by individuals who are either members of the Communist Party or openly loyal to it."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"A Communist-dominated organization."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 15) Committee on Militarism in Education  
Cooperated with Socialist and Communist groups in waging relentless campaign against R.O.T.C. and military training in schools and colleges. Received \$12,000 from the red Garland Fund to propagandize against military training in schools. Opposed National Defense work of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Reserve Officers Association, etc.
- 16) Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America  
A conference as a result of which was established the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, "part of what Lenin called the solar system of organizations ostensibly having no connection with the Communist Party, by which Communists attempt to create sympathizers and supporters for their program."  
*Attorney General Francis Biddle*  
"An important part of the solar system of the Communist Party's front organizations."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
A "Communist-inspired conference" which launched the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties during the Stalin-Hitler pact.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 17) Consumers' National Federation  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"Created by the Communist Party and used for the purpose of spreading propaganda in schools and through women's clubs."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 18) Consumers Union  
Cited as a Communist front "headed by the Communist Arthur Kallet (whose party name is Edward Adams), Ben Gold and Louis Weinstock, both well-known Communists, were also members of the labor advisory committee of Consumers Union."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as "subversive and un-American."  
*Special Sub-Comm. of House Comm. on Appropriations.*
- 19) Coordinating Committee to Lift the (Spanish) Embargo  
Cited as one of a number of front organizations, set up during the Spanish Civil War by the Communist party and through which the party carried on a great deal of agitation.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 20) Conference on Pan-American Democracy  
(Known also as Council for Pan-American Democracy)  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 21) Council on African Affairs  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"A Communist front organization. Has received funds from American People's fund, a Communist financial organization."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*

28) Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace (the Waldorf Conference, sponsored by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions)

Cited as a Communist front.

*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*

"A sounding board for Communist propaganda."

*Secretary of State Dean Acheson*

29) Emergency Peace Mobilization

"A Communist front which came forth, after Stalin signed his pact with Hitler, to oppose the national defense program."

*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*

"Among the more conspicuous Communist fronts that have defied brazenly the interests of the United States and other freedom-loving nations whenever they have been in conflict with the interests of Soviet Russia and world Communism."

*California Committee on Un-American Activities*

34) Fellowship of Reconciliation

Radical-pacifist group using Christian terms to spread communist propaganda. Circulated petitions for and played a leading role in bringing about the recognition of Russia in 1933. Is a section of the ultra-radical War Resisters International which, according to its literature, "believes a new social order can be and will be established . . . it believes these changes can be accomplished by revolutionary uprisings." . . . Is a branch of International Fellowship of Reconciliation, which says "we must work for a radical reorganization of society" and insists that "the class war is a fact."

35) Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade

"In 1937-38, the Communist Party threw itself wholeheartedly into the campaign for the support of the Spanish Loyalist cause, recruiting men and organizing multifarious—so-called relief organizations. Among these was the above Communist-front organization."

*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*

36) Greater New York Emergency Conf. on Inalienable Rights

Cited as a Communist front, one of a "maze of organizations spawned for the alleged purpose of defending civil liberties in general, but actually intended to protect Communist subversion from any penalties under the law."

*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*

Cited as a Communist front.

*California Committee on Un-American Activities*

37) Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

Cited as subversive and Communist.

*Attorney General Tom Clark*

A "Communist-front organization."

*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*

Cited as a Communist front. "The sponsors and officers . . . with few exceptions are admitted Communists and fellow travelers. The policy is in concert with the foreign policy of the Soviet Union."

*California Committee on Un-American Activities*

38) League for Industrial Democracy

"Founded as a militant socialist organization and subsidized by the Communist-directed Garland Fund, the League for Industrial Democracy propagandizes particularly among college and seminary students. Its publications have largely been written by members of the Communist Party and its supporters. Their objects of attack have been those pursued by the Young Communist League and kindred organizations—against military training in schools and against the evils of the capitalist system. The achievements of the workers' government in Soviet Russia are painted in gilded eulogy, and similar socialism is advocated for the United States."

*Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities*

39) League of American Writers

Cited as subversive and Communist.

*Attorney General Tom Clark*

Cited as a Communist front.

*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*

"The most naive spectator and quarter-witted participant of this first Writers' Congress (at which the League of American Writers was formed) could not have been deceived as to its Communist revolutionary character."

*California Committee on Un-American Activities*

"In the Daily Worker of April 20, 1935, it is stated that another organization was set up to be known as the League of American Writers, membership limited to revolutionary writers."

*Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities*

30) Methodist Federation for Social Action

(Formerly, Methodist Federation for Social Service)

"A tool of the Communist Party. It is trying to use the prestige of the Methodist Church to promote the line of the Communist Party."

*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*

"Among the more conspicuous fronts for Communist activity in the field of relief, assistance, and welfare work. . . . A statement in their Social Service Bulletin No. 8, 1932 admits cooperation with the Communists."

*California Committee on Un-American Activities*

31) Michigan Civil Rights Federation

Cited as a subversive and Communist organization which has been succeeded by and now operates as the Michigan Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress.

*Attorney General Tom Clark*

Cited as a Communist front.

*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*

Cited as a Communist front.

*California Committee on Un-American Activities*

32) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

Cited as subversive and Communist.

*Attorney General Tom Clark*

"In recent months, the Communist Party's principal front for all things Russian has been known as the National Council for American-Soviet Friendship."

*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*

"Is a direct agent of the Soviet Union, engaged in traitorous activities under the orders of Stalin's consular service in the United States."

*California Committee on Un-American Activities*

33) National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights

Cited as a Communist front.

*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*

Cited as a Communist front organization defending Communists. "It was filled from top to bottom with veteran Communist Party liners."

*California Committee on Un-American Activities*

34) National Federation for Constitutional Liberties

Cited as subversive and Communist.

*Attorney General Tom Clark*

"Part of what Lenin called the solar system of organizations, ostensibly having no connection with the Communist Party, by which Communists attempt to create sympathizers and supporters of their program. The defense of Communist leaders have been major efforts of the federation."

*Attorney General Francis Biddle*

"There can be no reasonable doubt about the fact that the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties—regardless of its high-sounding name—is one of the viciously subversive organizations of the Communist Party."

*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*

"One of the most important Communist-front organizations."

*California Committee on Un-American Activities*

35) National Negro Congress

Cited as subversive and Communist.

*Attorney General Tom Clark*

"The Communist-front movement in the United States among Negroes is known as the National Negro Congress. . . . The officers of the National Negro Congress are outspoken Communist sympathizers, and a majority of those on the executive board are outright Communists."

*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*

A "Communist-dominated mass organization."

*California Committee on Un-American Activities*

36) National Religion and Labor Foundation

Set up by radicals, in 1932, to propagandize "the new social order," to give active cooperation to strikers, at the same time seeking the revolutionary overthrow of the capitalist system. Its directing personnel and National Committee were composed almost exclusively of Socialists and Communists. Writing in its official organ, one of its officers says: "It is no longer a question of the need of revolution; the question is as to the method of bringing the revolution to pass." It has published blasphemous and atheistic literature.

37) North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy

Cited as a Communist front.

*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*

Cited as a Communist front.

*California Committee on Un-American Activities*

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- 38) Peoples Institute of Applied Religion  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
"One of the most vicious Communist organizations ever set up in this country."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 39) People's Lobby  
Its slogan, according to its officers, "To balance consumption and production by eliminating profit;" its program, "Increased taxation of the rich; socialization of ground rent and reduction of interest rates as steps towards the elimination of profits; public ownership of banking, natural resources, transportation, communication and all basic industries; government marketing and government housing corporations."—This program is in accord with the Socialist-Communist system of Russia.
- 40) The Protestant (Formerly known as Protestant Digest)  
"A magazine which fanatically spreads Communist propaganda under the guise of being a religious journal."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
A "Communist publication."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 41) Schappes Defense Committee  
"A front organization with a strictly Communist objective, namely, the defense of a self-admitted Communist who was convicted of perjury in the courts of New York."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"Among typical front organizations for the defense, host or support of known Communists."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 42) Socialist Party  
Insofar as ultimate ends are concerned, there is no distinction between Socialism and Communism. Socialists seek to take over the government by legislative means, if possible, resorting to a throat-cutting revolution only as a last resort. Many Communist leaders of today got their training in the Socialist Party. Socialists and Communists cooperate in many specific activities on a United Front basis. Earl Browder, former General Secretary, Communist Party, explains: "The program of the Socialist Party and the program of the Communist Party have a common origin in the document written by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels in 1847-1848, known as the Communist Manifesto. There is no difference, so far as the program is concerned, in its final aim. The differences between the Socialist and Communist parties are gradually being eliminated, and one unified Socialist or Communist movement is emerging."
- 43) United Christian Council for Democracy  
A United Front movement, sponsored by leading Socialist, Communist and radical leaders in the churches. Its purpose, according to its official statement, was "to draw together the different left wing groups into a United Front Movement." One of its major activities in 1940 was a militant campaign against the Dies Committee Investigating Un-American Activities."
- 44) Washington Committee to Lift the Spanish Embargo  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 45) Signer of "World Tomorrow" Pledge  
Voted in favor of Socialism, a drastic increase in inheritance and income taxes, a "coöperative commonwealth" instead of capitalism.
- 46) War Resisters League  
American affiliate of the revolutionary Socialist-Communist War Resisters International. Its pledge for enrollment says: "I declare it to be my intention never to take part in war, offensive or defensive, international or civil, whether it be by bearing arms, making or handling munitions, voluntarily subscribing to war loans, or using my labor for the purpose of setting others free for war service." One of its slogans is: "To unite men and women who have determined to give no support to any war, irrespective of the reasons." The League co-sponsors numerous communist-controlled movements and programs of Communist-dominated organizations.

## THE CHURCH BODIES WHICH CONSTITUTE THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH  
AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION  
ASCENDANT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN  
COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST  
DANISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH  
EVANGELICAL UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH  
EVANGELICAL UNITY OF CZECH MORAVIAN BAPTISTS IN N.A.  
FRIENDS - FIVE YEARS MEETING  
FRIENDS OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY  
METHODIST CHURCH  
MORAVIAN CHURCH (NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN PROVINCES)  
NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF AMERICA  
NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U.S.A., INC.  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA  
ROUMANIAN ORTHODOX EPISCOPATE OF AMERICA  
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA  
SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE  
SERBIAN ANTIPOCALYPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH  
SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF AMERICA  
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF N.A.

The National Council claims to represent 26,000,000 Protestants. If the church to which you belong is a member of one of these bodies, they claim to represent you.

Does it represent you? Do you believe that American Free Enterprise should be scrapped and replaced by Socialism? The National Council does. Do you agree with the un-American, un-Christian policy of the hierarchy of the National Council?

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1.) Insist that your church stop supporting the National Council. Don't let it give one dollar. The National Council receives large sums from various Jewish and other non-Christian or anti-Christian groups, so while the withdrawal of your church's support won't put them out of business, it will hurt them. If all real Christian churches withdraw, it would seriously cripple them.

2.) Join this organization and help remedy the situation.

3.) In this short space it is impossible to show in detail the apostasy, Socialism and Communism of the National Council of Churches. There are three excellent books and several pamphlets which go into the subject with great thoroughness. They are must reading for everyone interested in restoring the Protestant churches to the faith of our fathers.

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or their churches will become no more than wings  
of the Communist-Socialist movement.

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**THE NATIONAL COUNCIL  
OF  
CHURCHES OF CHRIST  
—ACTIVITIES REVEALED**

A Sermon  
preached on April 23, 1961

by  
Rev. John R. Leatherbury, Rector  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
Fort Worth, Texas

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Among the sacrilegious books the National Council of Churches recommends for reading is one called "GOOD-BYE, CHRIST," by Langston Hughes which reads in part as follows:

*Atlanta, GA*

"Listen, Christ you did all right in your day, I reckon, but that day's gone now. They ghosted you up a swell story, too; called it the Bible, but it's dead now. The Popes and the preachers've made too much money from it. They've sold you to too many kings, generals, robbers, and killers; even to the Czar and the Cossacks; even to Rockefeller's church, even to the Saturday Evening Post. You ain't no good no more. They've pruned you till you've done wore out. Goodby. Christ Jesus Lord God Jehovah, beat it on away from here now. Make way for a new guy with no religion at all—a real guy named Marx Communist Lenin Peasant Stalin worker me—I said, me; go ahead on, now. You're getting in the way of things, Lord, and please take St. Gandhi with you when you go, and St. Pope Pius, and St. Aimee McPherson, and big black St. Berton of the consecrated dime. And step on the gas, Christ. Move. Don't be so slow about movin'. The world is mine from now on, and nobody's gonna sell me to a king, or a general, or a millionaire. Goodby. Christ, good morning, revolution."  
Langston Hughes.

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## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST

(Sermon preached in St. John's Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, Tex., Sunday, April 23, 1961, by the Reverend John R. Leatherbury, rector)

The vestry has asked me to talk on the National Council of Churches. I will endeavor to tell you what the National Council of Churches stands for. I am in no way speaking as an authority. I am not speaking for the Diocese of Dallas. I am speaking for myself as a priest of 28 years—I am speaking as your rector of 14 years. And after I have given some of the salient thoughts of the National Council of Churches of Christ, then I shall give you John R. Leatherbury.

First, we must remember that there are two organizations that go by the name of the National Council. We must straighten this out first. The National Council of the Episcopal Church are duly elected officers of the Episcopal Church with the Right Reverend Arthur Lichtenberger, the presiding bishop, as the presiding officer. The National Council of the Episcopal Church runs the business of the Episcopal Church throughout this part of God's kingdom.

We are now talking about the National Council of Churches of Christ. This is an organization created in 1950 with headquarters in New York with a budget of \$13 million. It started out on a very ethical plane—we were very happy. It was to be like a criss-cross. If you have ever used a criss-cross for the telephone or directory you were able to trace down and find out who lived where and then you were able to contact them and find out more about them if you so desired. The National Council of Churches of Christ was to be that type thing. It was to be an interchange of ideas. At no time was it to be a super church. At no time was it to make pronouncements. It was to be a cooperating agency wherein all of the churches could cooperate and might have an interchange about missionary problems and situations throughout the world.

We got into the National Council of Churches of Christ in 1950. The National Church took us in without consulting the various parishes or priests. We didn't have a chance to vote to get in. We don't have to vote to get out. There seems to be the suggestion that the only way that we can get out is that we must "memorialize general convention" to let us out. That is not true. The only thing that you and I have ever gotten into that we cannot get out of is our families. We had nothing to do with getting into our families—many of us were lucky—and we are there.

I asked the ushers to pass out a sheet of facts. These are facts that have come from the documents of the National Council of Churches of Christ. I ask you to take them home with you and use them at home. Where the quotes are they are definite quotes from their manual.

The National Council of Churches, in the last several years, has felt called upon to speak on every subject. It has been very controversial. The National Council in the last 5 weeks has spoken on: "Capital punishment," "ar-

tificial insemination" (which means mechanical birth control), "medicine for the aged," against the movie "Operation Abolition," and they "continue to say they speak for 40 million people."

"It is an organization or agency through which Protestant and Orthodox churches express their common faith in Jesus Christ and cooperate to focus the light of that faith on all phases of American life. The council policies are decided by an assembly. These policies are expressed through pronouncements."

And even though the pronouncements come out we constantly say they do not effect us. But when we have 32 representatives on this council, and when we spend \$500,000 per year, they had better speak for us. I bring that up because we are constantly saying that the Episcopal Church gives the National Council of Churches \$25,000 per year. Now this is church finance, you see. We gave over \$500,000 last year. Don't take my word for it. It is in the 1959 annual report of the Protestant Episcopal Church, starting on page 48! Now, you see if a banker were to make a mistake of \$475,000 something might happen to him. Church finance seems to be different. In fact, there is a saying "when is a business man not a business man." And the answer is, "when he is a vestryman of the Episcopal Church."

And so we find ourselves very much in this thing.

"It passes pronouncements. A pronouncement is a statement of policy, or a position, or affirmation of conviction, formally approved by the general board or general assembly. It expresses a substantial preponderance of general board opinion. And there is a strong weight of ethical, moral, or religious principle in support of the view expressed."

The general assembly is made up of 443 clergymen, 251 laymen. You see, the clergy are very generous with your money. We use the money of the laity and we have twice as many members on the board as do the laity. We are ordained to control these things. It is very generous of you to give your money into our keeping. We know we have your souls. And if we were to mess up your souls the way we mess up your money, may God have mercy upon your souls.

Well, the National Council of Churches of Christ has found itself, in the last several days, the object of ridicule—the object of questioning. And I do not plan to get into whether or not there are Communists in the National Council of Churches. Where you have 40 million people there is the bare possibility that a Communist might sneak in. We have on the board 10 bishops, we have 10 priests, we have 6 laymen, and 6 laywomen. We have 32 votes—again the clergy out voting the laymen and the laywomen 20 to 12. Some of the bishops who represent us on the National Council of Churches is the controversial bishop of California; another one is the bishop of Bethlehem who is taking J. Edgar Hoover to task about capital punishment, and I assure you, of the two, I imagine J. Edgar Hoover knows "just a bit more" about capital punishment than does the bishop of Bethlehem, Pa. Two of the clergy who are on this board are

extreme liberals, and one belongs to 14 organizations which are on the un-American activity list, which are known not to be sympathetic toward the American way of life. There are 32 people speaking for 2,123,110 Episcopalians. These 32 people have more say and more authority than the general convention. See, it is like the U.N. The U.N. has more say for us than our own Government.

We find ourselves in a group that started out glorious. It was to be an exchange of ideas. Christian brothers were to get together and have a mutual exchange. The Episcopal Church is in it. Do they speak for me? Do they speak for us? I would say since we have 32 voting members, since we have been in it for over 10 years, since we have paid \$500,000 a year, I would say yes, they probably speak for us.

Now, there are several things that are controversial. I do not plan to debate socialized medicine, people more capable than I can do that. I do not plan to debate the ethnic problem, that has been debated by people not as intelligent as I. One of the problems that the National Council of Churches of Christ has sponsored is "the breaking down of neighborhoods." I would buy a nice home in Tanglewood or wherever your nice home might happen to be, then I would move into this home my Negro custodian, if I had one. I do not have one. I do not plan to do that, but we have been told how to break down your neighborhood.

Now, there is one problem that worries me, brethren, and that is the problem of literature. The NCC has put out a bulletin, a reading list, suggesting some of the reading which would be "good for our children to read." It is called "The Negro American—A Reading List." I will have this back at coffee. I will also have one of the books on that list back at coffee, this book is called "Color Blind" and I direct your attention to pages 104-105. I recommend that maidens not read it, or high school boys and girls not read it, but I will bring it back to coffee and I will keep it under guard because I have slept with it under my pillow for 3 days so that my teenagers wouldn't even see it. It is disgusting. Another one of these famous books is "Without Magnolias." These books are in the public library. Then another book "The Walls Came Tumbling Down." This literature has been recommended to our young people, they have been asked to read it. It's filth, it's disgusting. Men at the 19th hole at the country club wouldn't even mention these subjects.

Another thing that the National Council of Churches has done is that they have asked that the clergy not show the movie "Operation Abolition" because they maintain that the Un-American Activities Committee and the FBI have "framed" this film. Now, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover is not running for any job, he has it made I think. Read his book "Masters of Deceit" and you'll find out whether or not any Communists have gotten into the church. The bishop of the diocese got quite concerned about the movie "Operation Abolition." He wrote Mr. J. Edgar Hoover. May I quote his letter from Mr. Hoover:

"Dear Bishop Mason: I have received your letter dated March 2, 1961, with its enclosures, and your interest in writing to me is indeed appreciated.

The film "Operation Abolition" has been sponsored and distributed by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, and the FBI had no connection with its preparation. Therefore, I cannot comment on this film.

You may be interested, however, in reading the enclosed pamphlet entitled "Communist Target—Youth" which contains my report concerning the disturbances in San Francisco, Calif., in May 1960, in connection with a hearing of this Committee. Additional copies of this pamphlet can be made available to you upon request. I am sure you will agree after reviewing this pamphlet that it clearly illustrates the Communist tactics and strategy involved in these disturbances.

In addition to the above pamphlet, I am enclosing some material on the menace of communism available for general distribution by the FBI.

I trust the above information and the enclosed material will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover.

I have that pamphlet. In the back of the pamphlet are pictures from the film "Operation Abolition" showing Archie Brown and Brodsky calling out "open the door." I've shown the movie twice, and if there are enough people interested I shall show it again.

On the matter of literature there are two things that I want to read to you. One is a very flippant Lord's Prayer. This is a beatnik type prayer which is sponsored by the National Council of Methodist Youths. I quote:

#### "LORD'S PRAYER—TEENAGE VERSION"

"O, daddy, O

Who are the most

Hurrah for your support

My personality integrate,

All my physiques develop,

My nervous system calm,

In body as in mind.

Prepare me new tempo,

Our daily jive, and

Release us from our parents

And other repressed victims.

Lead us into more self-expression,

And much less boredom,

For you are the coolest,

Gonest, and hepest drive

From now on."

That is the Lord's Prayer. I quote another one. This is by Langston Hughes. Langston Hughes is one of the authors that the National Council of Churches of Christ recommends. They list no less than six books of his that you should read if you are to be intelligent. I am afraid that I shall die ignorant. This one is called "Goodby, Christ":

"Listen, Christ, you did all right in your day, I reckon, but that day's gone now. They ghosted you up a swell story, too; called it the Bible, but it's dead now. The Popes and the preachers've made too much money from it. They've sold you to too many kings, generals, robbers, and killers; even to the Czar and the Cossacks; even to Rockefeller's church, even to the Saturday Evening Post. You ain't no good no more. They've pawned you till you've done wore out. Goodby. Christ Jesus Lord God Jehovah, beat it on away from here now. Make way for a new guy with no religion at all—a real guy named Marx Communist Lenin Peasant Stalin worker me—I said, me; go ahead on, now. You're getting in the way of things, Lord, and please take St. Gandhi with you when you go, and St. Pope Pius, and St. Aimee McPherson, and big black St. Becton of the consecrated dime. And step on the gas, Christ. Move. Don't be so slow about movin'. The world is mine from now on, and nobody's gonna sell me to a king, or a general, or a millionaire. Goodby, Christ, good morning, revolution."—Langston Hughes.

It is very hard to give an impartial appraisal of people who are tearing down my God and my Jesus! I have had enough of it! I don't plan to ask the Bishop to get me out of the National Council of Churches I plan to tell him I am out of the Council of Churches. Like the Pennsylvania Dutch say "I Want O-u-t, Out"! "I want to be shut of it"! They didn't ask me if I wanted to get in, and I think I have the privilege of telling them I don't want to belong.

The Church is on the spot, Brethren! The days ahead will try our souls. It's going to call for days of consecration. Maybe I don't speak for you. Maybe you'd rather pray "O, daddy, O." But I've had enough of it!

I was ordained 28 years ago to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I have been a priest 28 years. I have had three parishes in 28 years. So, you see, I don't run around! The time has come when consecrated Christians, those who love their Lord and Saviour Jesus, must press on to the goal.

The diocesan convention will meet in May. I will tell you how this thing will go. A man named Dr. Hamilton, from Dallas, will get up and make a motion that the Episcopal Church come out of the National Council of Churches. Then there will be a substitute motion brought on by the clergy. You see, we must not "hurt" people. And the substitute motion will ask the National Council to "please not speak for us." Then some of us will get up on the floor and say, "Rt. Rev., Sir, this doesn't answer the purpose. Our petition is that we come out of the National Council of Churches." If withholding our money is the only way we can come out of the NCC then we will withhold our money. But we are coming out.

I do hope that in the days that lie ahead I will have your prayers, that I will have your best wishes, and that as a united front we will go forward in the name of our Lord Jesus. And that we may preach the Good News of the Gospel and of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified! What a golden opportunity in a world that is torn asunder, in a world that is sick, in a world that needs

Jesus. And we say "O, daddy, O" and "Get Going, Christ!"

I'm prejudiced, I have very definite feelings, I have very definite feelings about very definite things. I was made that way. I'm sorry. I have not been a good priest. This sermon should have been preached 10 years ago. I ask your forgiveness.

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

What is it? It is an agency through which Protestant and Orthodox churches express their common faith in Jesus Christ and cooperate to focus the light of that faith on all phases of American life.

How are Council policies decided? These policies are expressed through pronouncements. A pronouncement is a statement of policy, or a position, or an affirmation of conviction formally approved by the general board or general assembly. It expresses a substantial preponderance of general board opinion and there is a strong weight of ethical, moral, or religious principles in support of the view expressed.

General assembly consists of 443 clergy and 251 lay delegates which meets every 3 years.

The general board meets 3 times a year and consists of 166 clergy and 90 laymen.

"Through the assembly and the board, the council speaks as a united voice on matters of ethical, moral, or religious concern to its membership."

How is the council financed? The council's funds come from the following sources: about 61 percent is contributed by denominations, local churches, and related organizations; another 12 percent consists of gifts from individuals, corporations, and foundations. Approximately 26 percent is derived from gross sales of council materials; and 1 percent comes from investments.

In 1960 the Episcopal Church gave to the NCC over \$500,000 (this does not include private gifts, but is represented in the general budget of the Episcopal Church, pp. 47, 48, 49, 50, 51).

Since 26 percent of their income comes from gross sales of materials I would like to list 3 books recommended in the "Negro American Reading List" published by the Council of Churches:

1. "The Walls Came Tumbling Down"—by Ovington.
2. "Color Blind"—by Halsey.
3. "Without Magnolias"—by Bucklin Moon.

These three books deal with integrated sex and excerpts from them cannot be sent through the mail. (If interested see pp. 234-ff in Book 1, p. 105 in Book 2, pp. 179-ff in Book 3.)

Is the NCC communistic? Since this group represents 34 major communions with a total membership of 40,

000,000 there is the bare possibility that communists could sneak in.

They advocate:

1. Recognition of Communist China.
2. Admission of Communist China to U.N.
3. Do away with House Un-American Activities Committee.
4. Forbid showing of movie, "Operation Abolition"—which shows Communist infiltration in college ranks.

Does the NCC speak for the Episcopal Church? Yes.

The Episcopal Church has 32 members on the general assembly: 10 bishops, 10 priests, 6 laymen, 6 laywomen.

The above 32 people speak for and legislate for 2,123,110 Episcopalians.

How did the Episcopal Church get in the NCC? In 1950 the officers of the Episcopal Church, without consulting the individual parishes or asking for a vote, took us into the NCC.

How do we get out of the NCC?

1. We can memorialize General Convention asking them to take steps to remove the Episcopal Church from the NCC. This is a long and slow procedure and would take 6-12 years since General Convention meets only once in 3 years.

2. Since the Episcopal Church gives over \$500,000 yearly to the NCC we could withdraw our financial contributions by refusing to give to the budget of the National Church (this is the quota part of our giving). The quota of the diocese for 1962 is \$134,732 for the National Church. By refusing to pay this money we would not jeopardize the work of the diocese or the missionary effort within the diocese.

The above figures, notations, and comments are given to enlighten you on the National Council of Churches. In no way are they given to influence or to create dissension within the ranks, but to quote from the Bible, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

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*"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith . . . If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ" (1 Tim. 4:1, 6).*

Many, many Christians in the United States have been dumfounded by the actions taken by the National Council of Churches in recent months. That the NCC has been the subject of controversy has been increasingly recognized by the American people generally. The Council represents 31 Protestant and Orthodox denominations and forty million Americans, and it is, as it claims, "the voice of the churches." Listed here are some of its 1963 activities:

**1. The NCC Gave to the Russians Their Platform for Soviet Propaganda**

A delegation of Russian churchmen were the guests of the NCC in the United States, February 26 — March 21, 1963.

Archbishop Nikodim, their leader, in charge of foreign affairs for the Russian Orthodox Church, speaking at an NCC press conference, at the NCC General Board meeting, in Denver, Colorado, February 27, 1963, said, "We have come to you from a Socialist State where our people, seized by labor enthusiasm is creating a new dynamic society . . ." He repeated the Khrushchev thesis: "for realization in the practice of international relations on the principles of peaceful competition and co-operation of States with different social and political systems."

He was indignant at what he called "champions of the cold war," who distort their fine conditions under Communism with "the alleged lack of freedom of religion under the conditions of Socialism." This use of the platform of the NCC for this Soviet line constitutes a triumph for Soviet infiltration and exploitation of the NCC.

**2. The NCC Received a Silver Chalice From a Member of the KGB, the Soviet Secret Police**

During the Denver sessions of the General Board, the policy-making and strategy-forming body of the



NCC, Alexis Stoyan, claiming to be the Secretary of Foreign Affairs for the Russian Baptist Church, presented a silver chalice to the NCC. This, he claimed, meant much to the Russian Baptists, but out of their affection for the NCC they presented the gift. This same Stoyan was the "youth delegate" to the Baptist World Alliance in Rio de Janeiro in July, 1960. But there are no youth groups permitted in the churches in Russia. Arthur Mitkevitch, the only other "Baptist" in the party, guests of the NCC, later identified Stoyan as a member of the KGB, the hated secret police. Stoyan visited cities of the country, including Chicago, Buffalo, and Boston as a "good Baptist."

### 3. The NCC's Leaders Allegedly Knew Who They Were Entertaining

Elson Ruff, editor of *The Lutheran*, in his "Editor's Opinion," May 22, 1963, wrote, "Obviously the Communists would not permit a delegation of Christians from the Soviet Union to visit America without sending along a few people to watch over them and prevent them from telling us everything they know. Also, any astute American church leader, such as the key people in the National Council of Churches, can size up the situation in 20 minutes, and know exactly which of the visitors are representatives of the Soviet government." Yet, at Denver, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, in commending his Russian guests, insisted that this exchange was different because it was a visit between "Christians."

### 4. NCC Calls for Removal of Prayer and Bible-Reading From Public Schools

Following the lead of the United Presbyterian Church's General Assembly, meeting in Des Moines in May, 1963, the General Board in New York, June 6, likewise called for the elimination of Bible reading and prayer from the public schools.

### 5. NCC Prepares People for Supreme Court Decision

Louis Cassels, United Press International religious writer, who is himself pro-National Council of Churches, reported as early as May 26 that the General Board would consider the statement on the elimination of the Bible from reading in public schools, and wrote, "An effort is being made in major Protestant bodies to prepare public opinion for calm acceptance of a Supreme Court ruling that religious exercises have no place in the public school program." Now that the Court, June 17, 1963, has declared Bible reading and use of the Lord's Prayer unconstitutional, the NCC ought to be calling for an amendment to the Constitution. The American people must reject this decision by amending the Constitution. The Bible and Prayer are not sectarian matters; they belong to all the churches, sects, and people!

### 6. NCC General Assembly To Hear President Kennedy

The General Board announced in New York that President Kennedy would address the triennial meeting of the NCC in Philadelphia when it meets December 3, 1963. Both Bible-reading and prayer are to be removed from the schools because it violates "Separation of Church and State" according to the NCC, but it is not such a violation for the President to use the NCC platform. The President is a Roman Catholic, and is the NCC using him, or is he using the NCC?

### 7. The NCC Calls for Law Violence in the Racial Conflicts

The General Board, meeting in New York, said, "Words and declarations are no longer useful in this struggle unless accompanied by sacrifice and commitment," and the Board set up a commission to encourage "demonstrations and direct action in places of particular crisis."

Dr. Blake, who presented the resolution, said, "Demonstrations include being on the receiving end of a fire hose." The reference, of course, was to Birmingham and the use of fire hoses by the police to restore order in a riot.

Such inflammatory actions are contrary to the Word of God, which says that all things be done "decently and in order" (1 Cor. 14:40).

### 8. The NCC Is a Disrupter of the Churches

The *New York Times*, Saturday, June 8, 1963, quoted Dr. Blake: "He said an overture was being made to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to determine where such a protest might be useful . . ." and the story reports: "The board noted that the effect of the pronouncement might 'disrupt' some church bodies."

The fact that the Communists are inspiring and promoting the lawlessness and the racial conflict for worldwide Communist propaganda was not noted by the NCC; instead, its program lines up alongside the Communist action in these matters!

### 9. NCC Calls for More Federal Control Over Radio Stations

An Associated Press dispatch, May 24, 1963, from New York, said, "The National Council of Churches has drafted a major pronouncement on radio and television criticizing what it described as broadcasters' subservience to ratings and urging stricter government control of the airways."

"The resolution proposes: 'Strict' Federal Communications Commission (FCC) enforcement of laws requiring station licensees to operate 'in the public interest, convenience and necessity.'"



The report further called for "divorcement of advertisers and their agents from control of program content." What businessman would want to pay for a program of which he did not approve, and why should capitalists be asked to pay for programs promoting socialism? Moreover, we want less, not more government control over our radio, and no control over speakers or programming of radios!

#### 10. The NCC Asks for FCC Rule Over Major Networks

The *New York Times*, Sunday, June 9, 1963, features a front-page story, "Churchmen Ask Firm FCC Rule Over Networks — National Council Denounces Programming — Calls for License-Law Extension." The story says, "Stronger Federal control of radio and television networks was urged yesterday by the National Council of Churches.

"In a vote that overrode protests from the broadcasting industry, . . . the board asked the Federal Communications Commission to oversee networks under the licensing powers that now apply only to individual stations.

"The National Association of Broadcasters, in a statement written by Paul B. Comstock, vice-president for governmental relations, pleaded with the board Friday night to table, 'or at least to defer,' the pronouncement.

"The association said the proposals, if made effective, would 'greatly increase Federal control' and 'cause extreme changes' in the system of governmental regulation."

#### 11. The NCC Is Upsetting and Alarming American Farmers

The *Congressional Record*, June 11, 1963, p. A3735, carries a letter inserted by the Hon. E. Y. Berry, of South Dakota, under the heading, "The Wheat Referendum and Centralized Government in General," in which there is the following paragraph:

"So far we have somehow survived 30 years of planning. How much longer we can survive I do not know, but I do know the tempo of the pace is quickening toward socialism, and it was reflected in the terms of the wheat referendum. It is also being reflected in our increasing soft attitude toward communism itself. Amazingly we have many forces, even strong forces, and from such unexpected places that favor this attitude, and I am thinking especially of the National Council of Churches, and the World Council of Churches. They have been and are becoming more so, powerful political forces not only in our own country but all over the world. In fact, if it had not been for the National Council of Churches, Kennedy could never have been elected President of our country. In a measure, it is largely responsible for the situation we face in Cuba today, a really impossible situation, that could have been prevented had we not gone soft on communism."

#### 12. The NCC Is Playing Directly Into the Hands of Its Most Radical Members

The *New York Times*, June 7, 1963, reports, "A 'blood bath unparalleled in the history of this nation' could strike a half-dozen Northern cities owing to the 'often suprarational anger and aggressiveness' of Negro masses, according to a moderate Negro spokesman.

"The Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, former member of the city's Board of Education, names New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles as 'in for a season of judgment and revolution.'

In a paper for the annual meeting of the Urban League of Greater New York, Dr. Taylor is said to be "a director of the league . . ."

Dr. J. B. Matthews, former Chief Investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, in an address March 22, 1958, delivered in the Bible Presbyterian Church of Collingswood, had the following to say concerning Gardner Calvin Taylor:

"Early this year, the Rev. Dr. Gardner Calvin Taylor was elected president of the Protestant Council of the City of New York. His elevation to the highest position in Protestantism in Greater New York was hailed by the city's press. He has jurisdiction over 1,700 churches of 31 denominations.

"Mr. Taylor is vice-president of the Urban League of Greater New York. He was a member of the assembly of the National Council of the Churches of Christ at the organization's St. Louis meeting in December, and is slated to become the new member of the New York City Board of Education.

"Quietly formed in 1951, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee was formally launched by the Communist Party five years ago, with the Rev. Dr. Gardner Calvin Taylor as one of its sponsors. The ECLC, which is the most active Communist organization in the United States today, was launched at a three-day meeting which was convened in the First Presbyterian Church in New York City. There were no voices in New York City's Protestantism raised in protest against the use of church premises for the launching of a Communist organization, even though the left-wing Committee for Cultural Freedom branded it as a Communist front prior to its convention. In November, 1957, the House Committee on Un-American Activities published a special report on the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee which declared that the ECLC was 'in the vanguard' of 'a newly mounted campaign to cripple the antsubversive programs of the Congress, to shackle or abolish the Committee on Un-American Activities, and to discredit J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.' Such are the nature and the objectives of this organization which saw its initial propulsion in a Presbyterian church, with New York City's most prominent clergymen as one of its sponsors.

"But, here is an even more fantastic incident in the recent career of the Rev. Dr. Gardner Calvin Taylor. The incident took place in the Concord Baptist Church of Brooklyn, of which Mr. Taylor is pastor. The funeral services of one of this country's most prominent Communist leaders were held in that church with its pastor, the Rev. Dr. Taylor, delivering the funeral sermon. Dr. Taylor was reported to have paid homage to this outstanding Communist leader 'as one who dared to dream and work for the new world every good person desires.'

"The deceased Communist Party leader who was the subject of this high praise from the head of New York City's Protestant Council was Edward E. Strong.

"The National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., issued an official statement on the death of Edward E. Strong which read, in part, as follows: 'Returning from his service in World War II, Ed Strong became a leader of the Communist Party. As a member of its national committee, as chairman of the Eastern Pennsylvania District, as Southern Regional Secretary, he enriched the Party with the high quality of leadership which had won the admiration and respect of scores of thousands in the youth movement. . . . Above all, he was a man of sterling personal character. He was a fitting prototype of the new Communist man.' That was the official eulogy of the Communist Party, U.S.A. And, to that eulogy, the Protestant leadership of New York City added that he was one who 'dared to dream and work for the new world.'

"Among the pallbearers were Communist Party leaders Benjamin J. Davis, James W. Ford, Claude Lightfoot, Louis Burnham, and William L. Patterson.

"Using a Christian church for the burial rites of one of its leaders reflects the current line of the Communist Party, the chief aspect of which is to get its conspiratorial apparatus back into the main stream of American life — to end, at whatever necessary compromise of principle, its isolation of recent years."

It should be observed that Dr. Taylor is one of the esteemed leaders of the National Council of Churches, and the Protestant Council, of which he has been the president, is the New York City unit of the NCC.

### 13. The NCC Has a Front Door

The following are the 31 constituent members of the NCC, according to the latest published list of the Council:

#### Member Churches of the National Council

African Methodist Episcopal Church  
 African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church  
 American Baptist Convention  
 Armenian Church of America, Diocese  
 (including the Diocese of California)  
 Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) International  
 Convention  
 Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
 Church of the Brethren

Evangelical United Brethren Church  
 Five Years Meeting of Friends  
 Greek Archdiocese of North and South America  
 Hungarian Reformed Church in America  
 Lutheran Church in America  
 The Methodist Church  
 Moravian Church in America  
 National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.  
 National Baptist Convention of America  
 Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society  
 of Friends  
 Polish National Catholic Church of America  
 Presbyterian Church in the U.S.  
 Protestant Episcopal Church  
 Reformed Church in America  
 Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America  
 Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America  
 Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church  
 Seventh Day Baptist General Conference  
 Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church  
 Syrian (Orthodox) Church of Antioch  
 Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America  
 United Church of Christ  
 United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.  
 Unity of the Brethren

### 14. The NCC Has a Back Door

Dr. Wilbur C. Parry, Assistant General Secretary, released May 10, 1963, a "Revised List — Non-Member Communion — Approved for Membership in Units of the National Council." The units of the NCC are the commissions, departments, and agencies which maintain membership, including groups which are not in the constituent membership of the Council.

Caution needs to be exercised in the use of this list because membership in a unit is not constituent membership in the Council. The Council makes these distinctions, and leaders of this particular group of churches will vehemently deny that they are "members" of the NCC; and it takes, sometimes, careful questioning to bring out the fact that they are co-operating and working by means of the "back door," inside the NCC in certain particulars. The list follows:

1. Advent Christian Church
2. American Lutheran Church
3. American Holy Orthodox Catholic Apostolic Eastern Church
4. Assemblies of God
5. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
6. Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio)
7. Brethren in Christ
8. Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.
9. Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)
10. Church of the Nazarene
11. Churches of God in North America (General Eldership)
12. Cumberland Presbyterian Church
13. Evangelical Congregational Church
14. Evangelical Covenant Church
15. Free Methodist Church of North America
16. Friends, Kansas Yearly Meeting of
17. Friends, Ohio Yearly Meeting of
18. General Baptists
19. General Conference of the Nazarene Church
20. Lutheran Brethren of America, Church of
21. Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod
22. Nazarene Brethren Church of North America
23. Nazarene Church
24. National Primitive Baptist Convention of the U.S.A.
25. North American Baptist General Conference
26. Pilgrim Holiness Church
27. Reformed Episcopal Church
28. Salvation Army
29. Schwenkfelder Church
30. Seventh Day Adventists
31. Southern Baptist Convention
32. United Brethren in Christ

33. United Missionary Church
34. Wesleyan Methodist Church of America

Canada

35. Anglican Church of Canada
36. Baptist Federation of Canada
37. Presbyterian Church in Canada
38. United Church of Canada

### 15. The NCC Lobbies in Washington, D. C.

*Memo, May 15, 1963, NCC Washington Office, 110 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington 2, D. C., reports:* "At a closed hearing on May 2, the House Appropriations subcommittee considering 1964 Budget requests for the State Department and related agencies heard a National Council of Churches witness plead for sufficient funds for the U. S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency to assure it 'a more continuous authorization and adequate financing.'

"Dr. Vernon L. Ferwerda told the subcommittee that the activities outlined for the ACDA, when it was established in 1961 (MEMO 461) appear to implement 'the consistent and repeated position of the National Council of Churches, looking toward a responsible and effective system of disarmament.'"

The agency is working for total and complete disarmament of the United States and the placing of the military forces of the country under the direction of the United Nations in a United Nations police force. It would destroy the independence and sovereignty of the United States and make out of the United Nations a form of world government.

#### Conclusion. The NCC Is Misleading the Country

Let all Christians who love liberty and the Gospel of the Grace of God reject the NCC, cease to contribute to the church bodies that support it, and withdraw from it completely. We recommend that the Bible-believers all withdraw support of the NCC, and instead support the American Council of Christian Churches, 15 Park Row, New York 17, N. Y., Dr. Arthur G. Slight, General Secretary.

True Christian co-operation will defend American liberty, our heritage of individualism, work for a Christian America, and call for a complete repudiation of socialism and Communism. The program of the NCC envisions a one-world church, a one-world government, and a one-world race. As Christians we want to preach the true Gospel to every creature, in obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ.

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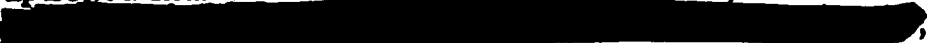
TO : Mr. DeLoach

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FROM : D. C. Morrell *JM*




SUBJECT:   


*M. J. DeLoach*

0 Captioned individual wrote November 5, 1963, and stated that he had information from  that three representatives of the Disciples of Christ denomination had defended activities of the National Council of Churches (NCC). One of their principal arguments was that the Director was an Elder of the United Presbyterian Church, a position he would not retain if the charges against the NCC were true.

He stated the  authorized him to relay this information and they would gladly name the people who came to the church and made the statements.

Correspondent wrote 11-1-63 concerning his activities to inform the people of practices in church circles which weaken the nation and play in the hands of the Communist Party. He requested the Director's advice on how to answer questions pertaining to the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the fact that Mr. Hoover would make it public if there was communist influence in the Presbyterian Church. His letter was not acknowledged in view of our past dealings with him.

 and his organization are well known to the Bureau and they have been extremely active in attacking the NCC. Most of the correspondence with  has not been acknowledged and this has been particularly true since May of 1963 when he began to criticize Bureau officials for statements they have made during their speeches on communism. It is also noted that in 1962, the Director wrote  a letter which he published and from which he deleted a sentence unfavorable to his position. It was necessary to contact a minister and advise him that the Director had not been quoted completely and, therefore, not correctly.

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November 14, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 7th, and I can understand the concern which prompted your communication.

With respect to your inquiries, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Further, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to answer your questions. You may be assured, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Nov. 7, 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As you well know, there have been many accusations recently that the National Council of Churches is a Communist Front organization; that it is infiltrated to a dangerous degree with communists; and that it consistently follows the communist line.

Is there any truth to these accusations? Is your information concerning the National Council of Churches, and do the files and reports of the FBI, indicate to you that the National Council is "subversive"? That it is dangerous to the Religious life of America? Or, that this is an organization whose programs and practices are detrimental to the life and security of this nation? Or, that it is under the domination and control of known communists? I will very much appreciate your reply to these questions.

Also, is Major Edgar O. Bundy, Wheaton, Ill., an authority on "the menace of communism" in the United States? Can any credence be given to his charges (which are sweeping generalities so far as I can find out) against councils of churches and clergymen as either being communist or communist sympathizers?

One other question: Can you tell me something about the background of the Rev. Harry P. Ward (who is supposed to be a retired Methodist minister about 87 years old, now living in New York). Is he a communist? Was he ever listed as a communist or a "sympathizer" in the files of the FBI? Was he ever a significant "power" in the old Federal Council of Churches, and has he been "the communist power behind the scenes" in the National Council of Churches.

Personally, I don't believe these accusations against the National Council and my fellow clergymen, but a lot of people won't take my word for these things. I think they will take your word. Certainly I will! I want the TRUTH!

Your help and assistance will be most greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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November 13, 1963

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 4th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, we have never investigated the National Council of Churches, and for that reason I can make no comments regarding it. In addition I have never made any statements concerning the August 28, 1963, rally in Washington or on any pending civil rights legislation.

Enclosed is some material I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (4)

FBI and Civil Rights (Love Drummond) ✓  
The FBI and Civil Rights  
The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights  
Full Safeguard for Civil Rights are Constant Goal

NOTE: Bufiles indicate one prior letter to correspondent [Redacted] at which time she was informed that the FBI was strictly an investigative agency. She was sent reprint material on communism and, in view of the statements in this present letter, it is not deemed advisable to send her any additional material on communism.

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November 4, 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In this area, there is alarming evidence of thought control and massive indoctrination to promote acceptance of a totalitarian one world government among church members and students. This persuasion comes from the National Council of Churches and my alma mater, Monmouth College.

Even though the destruction of our Constitutional form of government seems inevitable, I continue my efforts to alert people to their probable loss of personal freedom and property. I have been re-reading your "Masters of Deceit" and "The Communist Menace", a reprint from "Christianity Today." Can you send me reprints of other writings or speeches in which you have discussed the structure, objectives, pronouncements and political activities of the National Council of Churches? Can you refer me to other sources of such information? I am especially interested in your views of this subject, however.

Until a year ago, my husband, a retired Navy man, and I lived in Long Beach, California. Now we are with my mother who is unable to live alone. While I was in California, I became active in the Freedom Club of our church, The First Congregational in Los Angeles, the Southern California Committee of Christian Laymen, and patriotic organizations including Education-Information, Inc., and Citizens for Max Rafferty. Recently I received and used some tapes and films from Dr. William E. Fort, Jr., secretary of the Walter Knott branch of the Americanism Educational League: subjects, the United Nations; Communism in Colleges and Universities; Dr. Nicholas Nyaradi's speech on "The Master Plan." Now I need valid information on the N. C. C.

If you have made public statements about the March on Washington of last August and pending civil rights legislation, I would like to know about such statements. REC 27 100-50869-163

Your help I shall much appreciate.

Sincerely yours,  
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November 9, 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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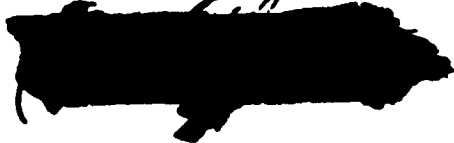
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Your help I shall much appreciate.

Sincerely yours,



November 8, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your communication postmarked November 5, 1963, has been received.

With regard to your inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches, the FBI being strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can assure you, however, that this organization has never been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Dear Sirs,

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Please send me any information you have on National Council of Churches and its officers particularly as to subversive or radical activities by this organization etc. Thank you,



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October 31, 1963

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 26th, with enclosures, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. You may be interested in knowing, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: No derogatory information appears in Bufiles concerning correspondent with last outgoing 9/29/59. Her enclosures were a copy of "The Missionary Revivalist" and a stamped envelope which is being utilized for reply.

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October 26, 1963

United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On September 25, 1959, I wrote to you asking for material in regard to communism. I regret to bother you again on the matter I will soon present, but at least I will surely know the truth if I try to find out the truth.

You suggested I could communicate with the House Committee and Senate Subcommittee to determine the material most suited to my needs, in your last letter. However, I am not sure whether in this instance I should write to them or not.

I am enclosing "The Missionary Revivalist" in which there is an article published on page 15. The name of the article is "The National Council of Churches. Please read this article. I would like to know if Rev. Carl McIntire is correct in assuming that the United Missionary Church is among the groups of Church Denominations who are co-operating and working by means of the "back door", inside the National Council of Churches.

I live in a small place about 10 miles north of [redacted] and I have been attending the United Missionary Church here. When I asked Rev. [redacted] the Pastor, about this article, he stated that Mr. Carl McIntire was not an honest man. I asked the Pastor if the United Missionary Church has been approved for membership in units of the National Council. He said he did not know.

Now, what I would like to know is--are there communists working in the National Council of Churches? I have seen that there are so many of the denominations that have linked up and are members of the Council. Personally, I have told a Pastor we had several years ago to take my name off the Church books as a member. He said he did, so I assume it is off. It is really very important for me to know the truth about these things. I don't feel like going to a Church that contributes to an organization who has people who would take the liberty and freedom away from Americans if they have a chance. Now I am not accusing the United Missionary Church of being linked in any way, but I would like to know for sure if they are. The way things are shaping up in this country-- I wonder if Christians would be better off if they would just take their membership out of denominations. I realize this is a personal matter & it is something to pray about. If I find out the truth, I

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feel I can then know more what to do personally-- and there may be other people here who will need to know the truth also.

I know a person who listens to the 20th Century Reformation Hour over the radio and she says that Rev. McIntire seems to be a sincere person. I realize anyone who is fighting communism would probably be smeared in any way they - the communists - could think of.

If there is any charge for information you might send me please let me know and I will send it to you before you send it out. I am enclosing a stamped envelope so you can let me know beforehand. If you want me to write to another division -- you can do likewise.

Please excuse the typographical errors as I do not type very much and also, the typewriter is old.

Very sincerely yours,  


Enclosures (2)  




## The National Council of Churches

The National Council of Churches has a front door.

The following are the 81 constituent members of the National Council of Churches, according to the latest published list of the Council:

African Methodist Episcopal Church  
 African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church  
 American Baptist Convention  
 Armenian Church of America, Diocese (including the Diocese of California)  
 Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) International Convention  
 Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
 Church of the Brethren  
 Evangelical United Brethren Church  
 Five Years Meeting of Friends  
 Greek Archdiocese of North and South America  
 Hungarian Reformed Church in America  
 Lutheran Church in America  
 The Methodist Church  
 Moravian Church in America  
 National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.  
 National Baptist Convention of America  
 Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends  
 Polish National Catholic Church of America  
 Presbyterian Church in the U.S.  
 Protestant Episcopal Church  
 Reformed Church in America  
 Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America  
 Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America  
 Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church  
 Seventh Day Baptist General Conference  
 Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church  
 Syrian (Orthodox) Church of Antioch  
 Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America  
 United Church of Christ  
 United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.  
 Unity of the Brethren  
 The National Council of Churches has a back door.  
 Dr. Wilbur C. Parry, Assistant General Secretary, released May 10, 1963, a "Revised Lost — Non-

Member Communions — Approved for Membership in Units of the National Council." The units of the National Council of Churches are the commissions, departments, and agencies which maintain membership, including groups which are not in the constituent membership of the Council.

Caution needs to be exercised in the use of this list because membership in a unit is not constituent membership in the Council. The Council makes these distinctions, and leaders of this particular group of churches will vehemently deny that they are "members" of the National Council of Churches; and it takes, sometimes, careful questioning to bring out the fact that they are co-operating and working by means of the "back door," inside the National Council of Churches in certain particulars.

The list follows:

1. Advent Christian Church
2. American Lutheran Church
3. American Holy Orthodox Catholic Apostolic Eastern Church
4. Assemblies of God
5. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
6. Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio)
7. Brethren in Christ
8. Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.
9. Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)
10. Church of the Nazarene
11. Church of God in North America (General Eldership)
12. Cumberland Presbyterian Church
13. Evangelical Congregational Church
14. Evangelical Covenant Church
15. Free Methodist Church of North America
16. Friends, Kansas Yearly Meeting of
17. Friends, Ohio Yearly Meeting of
18. General Baptists
19. General Conference of the Mennonite Church
20. Lutheran Brethren of America, Church of
21. Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod
22. Mennonite Brethren Church of North America
23. Mennonite Church
24. National Primitive Baptist Convention of the U.S.A.
25. North American Baptist General Conference

26. Pilgrim Holiness Church
27. Reformed Episcopal Church
28. Salvation Army
29. Schwenkfelder Church
30. Seventh Day Adventists
31. Southern Baptist Convention
32. United Brethren in Christ
33. United Missionary Church
34. Wesleyan Methodist Church of America

- Canada
35. Anglican Church of Canada
  36. Baptist Federation of Canada
  37. Presbyterian Church in Canada
  38. United Church of Canada

Let all Christians who love liberty and the Gospel of the Grace of God reject the NOC, cease to contribute to the church bodies that support it, and withdraw from it completely.

True Christian co-operation will defend American liberty, our heritage of individualism, work for a Christian America, and call for a complete repudiation of socialism and Communism. The program of the NCC envisions a one-world church, a one-world government, and a one-world race. As Christians we want to preach the true Gospel to every creature, in obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ. —By Rev. Carl McIntire, from the pamphlet "National Council of Churches 1963" (Published by 20th Century Reformation Hour, Collingswood, N. J.)

## The Marks of a Bible Christian

(Continued from page 1)

name that he was never called by his old name Joses again. He held to his course, like Jesus, until they called him a Christian.

And last he was a worker. Whether preaching, teaching, "exhorting them all to cleave unto the Lord," giving or travelling, he is busy in the interest of souls. And the word says, "much people were added unto the Lord." That is what God will do when He can find faithful servants who will "take heart," "keep faith," and continue to invest in souls and the kingdom. "The harvest is white and the laborers are few." God would send the sluggard to the ant to consider her ways. Faith without works is dead says the Bible. A faithful worker and winner of souls will continue to uphold the concept of what a Christian is like.

October 30, 1963

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 24th has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication, or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Enclosures (5)
- The Rectangular Screen and Delinquency
- My Answer to Communism and Crime
- Counterattack on Juvenile Delinquency \_\_\_\_\_ XEROX
- An Army of Free Men
- Deadly Duel

NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning correspondent. The National Council of Churches of Christ includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the council have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI has not investigated the National DFC:mc (3) (Bu Note continued next page)

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Oct. 24, 1963

[Redacted]

Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Dear Sirs;

I am sincerely requesting information that I hope you will be able to give me.

I am a Presbyterian Church member of a large Church here in Birmingham. My husband is on the Staff.

We have been amazed to discover the people here are vehemently against the National Council of Churches of U.S., claiming it to be a hot-bed of communism. They also hate Dr. Eugene Carson Blake. I feel that much of their strong feelings arise from the integration problem.

I am a Northerner, having come South only two years ago. I believe in integration of the Negroes and whites. I thoroughly abhor communism and would never champion any organization or person connected with it.

Can you tell me if either the Nat'l Council of Churches or Dr. Blake are tinged with communism? I feel they can be helpful and I want to defend them. If they are innocent of these charges.

I realize this may be asking questions that you are not permitted to answer but I will appreciate any answer you can give me.

I thank you.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,



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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *MB*

DATE: October 28, 1963

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: 

The above-captioned person called and wanted to know if we could give him an evaluation of the National Council of the Churches of Christ. I explained to him we did not evaluate persons and organizations.  wanted to know if he could have some literature on communism, and some of the Director's speeches and articles, et cetera, were sent to him.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the record.



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October 28, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated October 22, 1963, has been received.

The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Assistant Director William C. Sullivan and other FBI representatives have spoken on numerous occasions throughout the country. Their purpose is to help enlighten our citizens concerning the true nature of communist activities, and they have neither defended nor criticized the National Council of Churches. As a matter of fact, in line with the policy cited above, they have refrained from characterizing this organization in any manner.

The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. However, the Party's efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to operate against the welfare of our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this atheistic philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

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JH:ped (3) Enclosed is some literature which I hope will be of interest to you. See Note and Enclosures next page

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover

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**Let's Fight Communism Sanelly!**  
**"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"**

**NOTE: Correspondent wrote in January, 1963, regarding communism and asked what she could do to fight it. The Director's books were recommended and she was sent reprint material with the reply of 2/1/63. She has not previously received the literature being furnished with this communication.**



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Miss Holmes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>

October 22, 1963

[Redacted]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Everytime I read in my newspaper where the National Council of Churches is advocating abolition of the HCUA, or admitting of Red China to the U.N. or condoning illegal acts in the name of civil rights, and other things too numerous to mention, I get a little suspicious. These are all things well known to be part of the Communist party line.

But the point that really bothers me is this- everytime you try to question anyone connected with the N.C.C. about this, they invariably quote you or your agent, Mr. Sullivan, as saying something to the effect that there definitely is no Communist influence in the churches. They say that is the main reason Mr. Sullivan is out talking to the people today, to quiet this dangerous criticism of the N.C.C.. Is this true?

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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RESPONDENCE

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October 25, 1963

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated October 19th has been received.

In response to your inquiry regarding the National Council of Churches, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can assure you, however, that the group you named has never been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau.

Enclosed is some literature I hope you find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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OCT 25 1963  
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Enclosures (5)  
LEB Introduction - April, 1963  
Storming the Skies: Christianity Encounters Communism  
Spies Don't Look Like Spies

The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals  
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles.  
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REC'D-READING ROOM  
FBI

Oct. 19, 1963

Dear Sirs;

We are writing you this inquiry in the hope that you maybe able to answer a question which has been bothering me for some time. There have been claims made by different people in some written publications that the National Council of Churches may contain some Communists. It is hard for me to believe that an organization of this kind could contain any communists. In days like these with so much printed matter changing hands, it is hard to know what to believe. Do you have information at our disposal which would help to answer my question.

If not could you refer me to some other government agency that might be able to give me more information about this organization. It is my belief that a lot of good work is being done by the N. C. C. in their program of C. R. O. F. and other projects. Hoping you will be able to give me some enlightening information on this matter. I await your reply.

Yours truly,

[Redacted signature]

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REC 5 100-50869-1030

October 22, 1963

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 16th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of this, I am sure you understand why I cannot comment on the organizations you mentioned.

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Since the Voice of America program comes within the scope of another government agency, I am referring a copy of your letter to the Director, United States Information Agency, 1776 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20547, for whatever assistance he might be able to render concerning this program and any other radio broadcasts to Russia. As you requested, I am returning your enclosure.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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OCT 22 1963  
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. A copy of his letter was referred by form to USIA.

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OCT 28 1963

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TRUE COPY

Oct 16-63

J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please answer me at your earliest convenience by letter  
the following question.

What does the National Council of Churches of Christ  
in the U. S. A. Stand for?

What does the Federal Council of Churches stand for?  
Please read the enclosed front leaflet of my Sunday School lesson that  
I have marked, and what does the Voice of America stand for & are  
there any other Radio Voice beamed to Russia

Yours truly

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Oct 16-63

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CORRESPONDENCE

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yours truly  
[REDACTED]

# Covenant in the Bible

BY L. C. WADDLE

*General Secretary  
Division of Christian Education*

THE word *covenant* is very much in the thinking of our church. Interest in this word began in a special way with our adoption of the *Covenant Life Curriculum* as our official curriculum in our 1962 General Assembly. Interest and concern in the meaning and significance of the word have grown, as we have engaged in *Covenant Life Curriculum* seminars in our various synods, as we have begun to use our 1963-64 church theme, "By God's Grace: A Covenant People," as adults in particular churches have studied the *Covenant Life Curriculum* through use of the book *Education for Covenant Living*, and as many adult classes have this October begun the first year of study in the new curriculum with use of the book *Into Covenant Life*.

Some have felt that covenant is a new word for us, and that we need a great amount of explanation of its meaning to be able to use it significantly in our understanding of the church as God's people. Perhaps in this sense the word is new to us. But certainly the word itself is not new to the church, nor is our use of it new.

We have used the meaning of the word, and the word itself in a variant form, every time we have mentioned the Old Testament or the New Testament, for these can as well be called the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. We have heard the word used in marriage ceremonies and have included its concepts in our thinking about the marriage relationship. Every time we have conceived the church as God's people we have consciously or unconsciously reflected the fact that God has called us into covenant relationship with himself and with one another. Every time we have administered baptism we have lifted up the sign and the seal of God's covenant. Every time we have celebrated the Lord's Supper we have entered into the drama of God's gracious, new covenant for our redemption. And let us not fail to observe that, for all these years, our *Confession of Faith* has spelled out in decisive terms the nature of God's covenant offer to us (sections 17, 22-26).

Covenant is not a new word. It is as old as the Bible. Indeed, the fact of covenant relationship is older than the Bible, for God called his human creatures into covenant relationship with himself and with one another before the Bible was written. The Bible looks back upon the fact of God's covenant offer, as it relates God's mighty acts on behalf of his human children—how he dealt with Noah, Abraham, Moses and Israel, Jeremiah, Paul and others. The Bible is at the same time both a witness

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## Bible Studies for Adults in Cumberland Presbyterian Churches

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October 22, 1963

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of October 15th, and I want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped that our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

Although I would like to be of service to you, this Bureau does not have a list of sources such as you mentioned available for distribution. You may be assured, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the National Council of Churches.

I am enclosing literature on the topic of communism which I hope will be of interest to you. Perhaps you may wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." The former was written with the hope that it would help its readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities. The latter is a comprehensive study of the development and expansion of communism throughout the world. Copies may be available at your local library.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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**Enclosures**  
**Let's Fight Communism Sanely!**  
**4-61 LEB Introduction**  
**4-17-62 Internal Security Statement**  
**An American's Challenge, 10-9-62**  
**The Current Communist Threat**

**NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.**

October 15, 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director F.B.I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of the session of our church, I was appointed as chairman of a committee to prepare a resolution to send to the official head policy makers of our Presbyterian Church, U.S., concerning the National Council of Churches and communist influence therein.

Some information is available from the House Committee on Un-American Activities concerning "Communism and Religion". Human Events has also run some articles on this subject. However, our session has agreed that we will only put our trust and backing behind official government publications.

Would you please send me a source list of available information on this subject of communist influence in the National Council of Churches. This is of urgent importance to our church and many others. Please push this information.

A personal note. Mr. Hoover, I can only thank God for keeping such a man as yourself as head of the F. B. I. You have been and are a bulwark against the threat of atheistic communism and any anti-Americanism force. Please keep up the fight.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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September 18, 1963

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

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REC'D-READING ROOM  
F B I

Your letter of September 11th has been received and I want to express my deep appreciation for your very kind remarks about my administration of the FBI. It is my hope that my future endeavors continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your specific inquiry, the FBI, being an investigative agency of the Federal Government, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I trust that you will understand my position.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable as [Redacted]. The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The NCCC has not been investigated by this Bureau.

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September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1963

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

For a number of years, our church women have supported the local group of United Church Women, which as you know is affiliated with the National Council of Churches.

In a recent Executive meeting of our Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, strong opposition was expressed as to the continuation of this support, on the grounds that the National Council has become infiltrated with Communists and that the organization now serves as a cloak for Communist activities.

Some of us are very much concerned about this accusing statement and to clarify the issue in the group and in my own thinking, I am appealing to you for any information you may be free to share with us that would either repute or substantiate the truth of the matter.

At this time, I would like to express my sincere appreciation of the noble service you have long rendered our country. The constant vigilance exercised by your Department in protecting and safe-guarding the life and liberty of American people, nobly portrays the dedication of yourself to the grave responsibility of your office.

Yours very sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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Yours very sincerely,

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September 17, 1963

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F B I

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 11th has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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SEP 17 1963  
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NOTE: Bufiles reflect prior correspondence with [REDACTED] in which an invitation he had extended to the Director to address the graduation exercises of [REDACTED] in June of 1959 was declined. Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning him.

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September 11, 1963

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Mr. J. Edger Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

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I am seeking information about an organization in the United States. I have been thinking about taking part in the work of The National Council of Churches of Christ, whose office is located in 475 Riverside Drive New York 27, New York.

Some have told me that this organization is backed by communism and that it has as its leaders known communist persons.

I do not wish to have any part in anything that is part of the communism party. Will you please advise me on the truth of the statements that I have heard made about the National Council of Churches of Christ.

I will appreciate any information that you may be able to give. Thank you.

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September 10, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 5th, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. You may be assured, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

D. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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MAILED 19  
SEP 10 1963  
COMM-FBI

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Her enclosure was a clipping of an article by Tom Anderson.

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REC'D DIRECTOR

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September 5, 1963

[Redacted]

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau Of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Will you please advise me whether or not the National Council of Churches organization is Un-American or has any subversive or Communistic elements connected with it? I am deeply concerned as our W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist Church here and some fifty other churches of this area have been contributing to this organization for years. If there is any truth in this article, I certainly intend to do what I can to stop it.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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# Are You Represented By The NCC?

By TOM ANDERSON  
Publisher, Farm and Ranch  
Magazine

Churches representing 38 million protestants belong to the National Council of Churches, Leaders of the National Council of Churches though their resolutions and pronouncements presumably speak for the 38 million members on social and political as well as spiritual matters. These people have never earned nor been given that right. But on your behalf, if your church is a member, the N. C. C. has recommended on the subject of U. S. subordination to the will of the United Nations: "We believe citizens should prepare themselves for such eventuality. It would not then be an undue shock to public opinion, since people would have a more mature view, better able to interpret democracy at work on a world scale, with the benefits as well as the risks that the extension of democracy always entails."

## ADVOCATES SURRENDER

Thus, the nation's largest Christian organization says our country may soon have to subordinate its will to that of the U. S., that we should surrender without war to the communist-dominated U. N. The leading protestant church organization thus advocates surrender to the atheists, neutrals, cannibals and communists.

The N.C.C. stands hand-in-hand with left-wingers like Walter Reuther (who has declared that "man is God") in promoting practically every socialist scheme you could imagine: public power, foreign aid, United Nations, "cultural exchange," mental health, fluoridation, social security, public housing, urban renewal, higher minimum wage, repeal of "right-to-work" laws, more welfare benefits, metro, federal aid to education, F. E. P. C., etc.

## COMMON AIMS

Further, the N. C. C. and the communists appear to have the following common aims: peaceful coexistence; peace at any (communist) price; disarmament, and killing Selective Service men on nuclear

testing; integration; smearing of Joe McCarthy; clemency for convicted communist spies; destruction of our immigration and passport laws; discrediting of J. Edgar Hoover and the F. B. I., reconstruction of religion on basis of modern scientific materialism; abolishment of American loyalty-security laws; abolishment of all our investigating committees on Communism; a One-World co-operative, non-profit socialist brotherhood; abolishment of loyalty oaths; recognition of Red China by the U. S.; admission of Red China to the U. N.

J. Edgar Hoover has said that the communists "have operated under the guise of some church commission or religious body and it is galling to see the monster atheism being nourished in the churches which it seeks to destroy. . . I confess to a real apprehension so long as communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to do their evil work." In an article

on Christianity Today, Hoover wrote, "No assignment is more strategic in the communist world today than the disruption of the Church of God---both within and outside the Iron Curtain." Mr. Hoover says that the communist tactic is to get clergymen or laymen to sign communist-sponsored petitions which favor communist objectives while cleverly hiding the communist inspiration.

## CAN'T WIN BY QUITTING

Many church members are worried. Some have quit. But you can't win by quitting. The socialists and communists then have a free ride with those who remain and with the children.

Will we continue to support with our membership and money a church which asks that we clasp the bloody hands of a gangster regime which is trying to exterminate God from the minds and hearts of all people?

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EX 104

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August 26, 1963

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 20, 1963, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. You may be assured, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: No derogatory information appears in Bufiles concerning correspondent.

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20 August 1963

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There are so many self-proclaimed experts on communism who make so many outrageous accusations, the ordinary citizen is naturally confused.

The National Council of Churches seems to be their special target. From what I can gather most of these attacks are fantastic and ridiculous.

Would you please tell me if there is any evidence that the FBI has showing that the National Council of Churches of Christ in America is subversive in any way, if it has ever been infiltrated by Communists, or if the FBI has ever identified any Communists among its membership.

I need this information by September 10. If you can furnish it by that time I would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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20 August 1963

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D.C.

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Sincerely,



100-58869-1577

August 13, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 8, 1963, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches, the FBI, being an investigative agency of the Federal Government, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. It may be to your interest, however, that this organization has not been investigated by the FBI.

Your concern about communism is understandable, and your desire to learn more regarding the nature of this menace is reassuring. I have always believed that a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist movement is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence.

Enclosed is literature, some of which contains suggestions all of us can use in combating this threat to our freedoms. Perhaps you may also wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." The former was written with the hope that it would help its readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities. The latter is a comprehensive study of the development and expansion of communism throughout the world. Copies may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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ENCLOSURES (5)

See note and enclosures next page.  
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PERSONAL

August 8, 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to direct my letter to your personal attention relative to a matter which has greatly disturbed me for the past several years.

I have served as a member of the National Council of the Greek Orthodox Youth of America for 3 years, said group being the official young adult lay organization of the Greek Archdiocese of North/South America. From 1960-1961, I had the privilege of serving as National Chairman. To some extent I have been, as well as presently, active in lay matters of our Church in America.

I am considerably concerned about the Communistic conspiracy, especially in America and the Orthodox Church. As you know the Greek Archdiocese is a member of the National Council of Churches, and after reading numerous material about "alleged" communistic infiltration in the National Council of Churches, I wish to obtain documented proof as well as any further information that your office may be able to extend.

I know that our Church has taken issue at times with official pronouncements of the National Council of Churches, and that the NCC "officially" sponsored the recent tour of Archbishop Nikodim to the United States.

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Within three weeks (August 24-31st) the 12th International Conference of the Greek Orthodox Youth of America will convene in Pittsburgh. As a delegate to this conclave I am concerned with the introduction of possible endorsements at the business sessions and the Eastern Orthodox Religious Cultural Festival (August 31st) wherein lay groups will meet from Greek, Russian, Syrian, Ukrainian, Romanian, Serbian and Carpatho-Russian jurisdictions in the United States and Canada.

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PERSONAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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I do not feel that Clergymen alone can cope with the struggle against communisim in the churches. Based upon what I have had to observe in the past several years; dedicated Men of God are in a minority, and the vast majority are intellectually dishonest and toiling behind a protective screen of Christian Morality. Consequently, they are unable to recognize that the Menace is real.

I realize that the FBI is an investigative department. Nevertheless, I will appreciate whatever information and assistance you may be willing to forward to my attention.

Cordially yours,



MPS:fl

July 31, 1963

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 25th has been received.

With respect to your request, I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism. You may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." The former was written for those desirous of learning more about communism, and the latter deals with the expansion and development of communism throughout the world. Copies may be available in your local library.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

- Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
- What You Can Do To Fight Communism
- 4-17-62 Internal Security statement
- 4-61 LEB Intro
- The Current Communist Threat

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NOTE: The only reference in Bufiles identifiable with [Redacted] is an outgoing dated 7-16-63 to [Redacted] in the current letter, correspondence indicates the material sent with that letter went to her. None are duplicated. The former letter was signed [Redacted]

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7/25/63

Dear Sir,

*National Council of Churches*

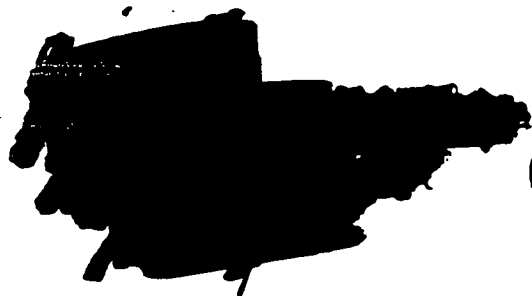
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Perhaps in numbered order, plain enough that it would be  
easy to grasp? It would be a great help in having people under-  
stand it. I have been disturbed over Nat'l Council of Churches  
similarity to Communist aims & my minister can't see the tie-in.

I would very much appreciate hearing from you.

Yours truly

/s/ 

*12 June 1963*  
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Edgar Hoover <sup>7/25/63</sup>

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I would very much appreciate hearing from you.

Yours truly

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[Redacted]  
Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 19th has been received.

In response to your inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. You may wish to know that this organization has not been the subject of an investigation by the FBI.

Enclosed is some literature I trust you will find to be of interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (5)  
Bulwarks of Liberty  
You Versus Crime  
An American's Challenge 10-9-62  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

Do You Really Understand Communism?

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July 19, 1963

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Hoover

Dear Sir:

I would like to have any information you may have on Communist infiltration into the National Council of Churches. Please rush this information as the church group I am a member of is considering joining the National Council of Churches.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked June 26th has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the group about which you asked.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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June 15, 1963

J. Edgar Hoover  
F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I know you are an extremely busy person, but I'm hoping that you can find a few minutes to "set me straight" on the National Council of Churches."

As chairman of our discussion group within our Methodist Church upon this topic, I am gathering material both pro and con. When this is done, whom are we going to believe? J

We feel that you will give us the truth. We need the information by August 10-15. I thank you kindly in advance.

Very truly yours,

/s/ 

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Very truly yours,  
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Honorable Walt Horan  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of June 5th enclosing the material from your constituent, [redacted]. Since one of these communications was addressed to me by [redacted] I have written him directly. A copy of my reply is enclosed for your information together with copies of the literature furnished him.

I would like you to know that the FBI has not investigated the National Council of Churches.

The material your constituent sent you, except for his letter to me, is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (8)

Constituent's enclosures  
Christianity Today Series  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement  
4-61 LEB Introduction

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WALT HORAN  
5th DIST. OF WASHINGTON

COUNTIES:  
SPOKANE CHELAN  
STEVENS GRANDMAN  
PEND OREILLE DEWAS  
FERRY LINCOLN

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

June 5, 1963

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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D.C.

Attention: Mr. Courtney Evans

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a letter dated May 31 and enclosure from  
my constituent, [REDACTED]  
Spokane, Washington, which are self-explanatory.

This appears to be a serious situation, and I would greatly  
appreciate it if you would provide me with full information  
so that I can properly reply to my constituent. Please  
return his correspondence when it has served your purpose.

Thank you. Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Walt Horan.

Walt Horan, M.C.

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Dear [REDACTED]

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The Honorable Walt Horan has forwarded the letter dated May 31st addressed to me together with other material you sent him.

The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I want to assure you that I have made no statement either supporting or criticizing the National Council of Churches.

The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. However, the Party's efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

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Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this subversive philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence.

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At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

**Enclosures (4)**

The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
4/17/62 Internal Security Statement  
4/1/61 LEB Introduction

NOTE:  cannot be identified in Bufiles.

[REDACTED]

May 31, 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

*copy*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Westminster Congregational Church of [REDACTED] is being divided mainly on the basis that you have stated that the National Council of Churches is sympathetic to communist manipulators.

Since the United Church of Christ is associated with the National Council of Churches and has distributed a pamphlet by Dr. Herman Reissig on Communism, the group which is bringing this matter to the attention of the congregation is demanding that Westminster Church repudiate its pastors and lay leaders and withdraw from membership in the United Church of Christ. This action is being strongly opposed by the majority of members of the Church as they know that our pastor, [REDACTED] his two assistants and the lay leaders of the Church are staunch Americans who oppose communism in every way possible in their power.

Will you please give us the facts on these matters as established by your most respected organization?

I was chairman of the Board of Trustees of [REDACTED] Church during 1962 when this problem became active and therefore can be included as one of the leaders of the Church.

Thank you for your help in this most serious matter.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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May 24, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 21st and enclosures have been received.

In response to your inquiry regarding the National Council of Churches, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. You can be assured, however, that this group has not been the subject of an investigation by the FBI. Your enclosures are being returned.

I am sending you publications I hope you find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (6)

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**Enclosures (6)**

**Correspondent's enclosed clipping**

**Correspondent's enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope**

**Deadly Duel**

**7-15-62 Statement on Communism**

**What You Can Do To Fight Communism**

**An American's Challenge, Director's Speech 10-9-62**

**NOTE: We have had occasional correspondence with [REDACTED] since 1937 and he has always indicated enthusiastic support for the Bureau. He was [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED]

**Correspondent's second enclosure was a stamped, self-addressed envelope too small to utilize in reply.**

TRUE COPY



May 21, 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, DC,

Dear Sir,

Herewith is a clipping from the Binghamton, New York,  
Evening Press, recently published

I am a member of a church which is a member of the  
National Council of Churches, so I am writing to ask if you know if  
the statements in the clipping are true. If so, it seems to me that  
the National Council of Churches has become a Communist Front  
Organization. (unintentionally, of course) What do you think about  
that?

The Communists are indeed "Masters of Deceit,"  
and I fear they have deceived our church leaders.

I anxiously await your reply.

Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter.

I am,

Yours very respectfully,

/s/



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May 21, 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

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What do you think about  
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CORRESPONDENCE

You Wrote It  
**Church**  
**Council**  
**Assailed**

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To the Editor:

According to the Rev. John R. Graves, there are good minorities and bad minorities. The bad ones, of course, are the "right wing minorities" or those who take a realistic look at the menace of communism.

When there are freedom rides and sit-ins or any of the many demonstrations sponsored by the liberals, they are good. It might be well for the Reverend to read some material other than that with the official NCC (National Council of Churches) stamp on them, and make up his own mind on the actions of the American Council of Christian Churches.

We do not object as much to the visit of the Soviet churchmen as we object to the silence on the part of the administration regarding the known facts about these leaders from behind the Iron Curtain.

They have been shown to be puppets of the state, not proclaimers of the Gospel. They are here to proclaim the peace line common to all Communistic programs.

It is a shame that churches of Christ would give their pupils to the satanic puppets. Reverend Graves declares

Letters should be brief written on one side of the paper. The writer's name and address must be stated, not necessarily for publication. The Press reserves the right to condense.

that the NCC does not have authority over the local church and if this is so, why does it claim to speak for 60,000,000 Protestants when the laymen in these churches have never been given the opportunity to vote on the goings on or membership in the NCC that their leaders have led them into.

Many of its members do not know what the NCC stands for. If they did, they would be truly up in arms and then maybe the "right wing minority" would become the "right wing majority."

We are suspicious of the NCC because of its past performance, associations and programs. I submit to the readers some of the actions of the NCC and ask the reverend and the readers to determine if the NCC speaks for you.

The NCC has been the council that:

ONE—Seeks the abolition of the HCUA (House Committee on Un-American Activities) (which was given new life in this Congress and its budget increased to keep constant surveillance on the subversives in the land.

TWO — Seeks repeal of the Walters-McCarran Immigration Act that would allow increased immigration from Communist-oriented peoples.

THREE—Condemned the action taken by this government in the Cuban blockade.

FOUR—Seeks to submerge the sovereignty of the United States in the UN.

FIVE—Seeks the repeal of the loyalty oaths.

SIX—Accepts the Socialist-Communist Economic Creed.

SEVEN—Seeks clemency for convicted Communist spies.

EIGHT—Seeks to be the only voice for Protestants on radio and television.

NINE—Has not one of its leaders in places of leadership in the evergrowing battle against communism. In contrast to this, it consistently has been engaged in a pacifistic, socialistic, compromising union with the forces of freedom destruction and not the preaching of liberty in Christ as they should be.

TEN—Has consistently tried to silence any group that speaks out against it whether in the press or radio (documented letter to papers and radio).

I submit to you that this is the reason that this "right wing minority" is picketing the Soviet churchmen's visit. Won't you join us?

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May 20, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 13th has been received

In response to your inquiry concerning William Graham Cole and his writings, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have related data in our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. It is to be noted that the booklet in question is being disseminated by the National Council of Churches of Christ. Two citizens' inquiries regarding Dr. William Graham Cole have been received in the past and answered as follows:

[REDACTED] No references appear in Bufiles regarding his booklet mentioned by correspondent.

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May 5-63

Dear Mr Hoover (F.B.I.)

Recently I have been shocked to learn that the National Council of Churches has the same views as Communist.

I am an Episcopalian. Pres of my Guild I know the epis church subscribes to N.C. of C. Would you please be kind enough to mail me any information you have available about this situation. Thanking you  
Sincerely [Redacted]

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May 5-63

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Sincerely REC-73

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May 13, 1963

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director FBI  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have at hand a booklet entitled:

"Called to Responsible Freedom - The Meaning  
of Sex in the Christian Life"

Written by William Graham Cole, and published for  
The United Christian Movement, National Council  
of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. .... by the  
Office of Publication and Distribution,  
475 Riverside Drive, New York 27 New York.....  
Copyright (C) 1961 by the National Council of Churches.  
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Nothing is said in this booklet as to who this William Graham Cole  
is, or his personal background or association. On these items  
I would appreciate any information that your office is in  
position to give.

The contents of this booklet are so brainwashing and apostate in  
character that it leads one to actually doubt the plain teachings  
of the Bible. I am astounded at its discussion and advice,  
particularly as it is supposedly the official utterances of  
a high and religious body.

Any information you can give me will be appreciated.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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May 10, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your card dated May 5th has been received.

In response to your inquiry regarding the National Council of Churches, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can assure you, however, that this organization has never been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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May 3, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 26th has been received.

With regard to your inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches, the FBI being strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can assure you, however, that this organization has never been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau.

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Enclosed is some literature I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (5)  
"An American's Challenge"  
Communist Party, USA  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
The Communist Party Line  
One Nation's Response To Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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April 26, 1963

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Could you please tell me if the National Council of Churches (Disciples of Christ) is a subversive, Communist-front organization?

Our church would like to start a program on the study of communism and ways to detect and combat it, but we are hesitant as to where to get our information and material.

Any help or guidance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/

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April 26, 1963

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Any help or guidance in this  
matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
CORRESPONDENCE

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-29-63

FROM : M. A. Jones ✓

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

On 4-26-63 [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Bureau and spoke with Special Agent [REDACTED] Crime Research Section. [REDACTED] advised he was in temporary assignment with the Selection Board of the U. S. Navy and wondered whether the Bureau had received his communication of April 17, 1963. He noted it concerned a speech given by Mr. Sullivan in which he, Mr. Sullivan, had allegedly praised the National Council of Churches. [REDACTED] noted he and his wife discussed this and thought that it was a little outside of the work of the FBI to commend a particular group or organization. [REDACTED] was informed that the Bureau is an investigative agency and as such does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions with regard to any organization or individual. [REDACTED] noted he would check with SA [REDACTED] later.

Bufiles reflect the Bureau received a letter dated April 16, 1963, from [REDACTED] at the same address as [REDACTED] (100-50869-1013). This letter had the same inquiry as noted above. When [REDACTED] contacted SA [REDACTED] he was informed that the Bureau had received no communication from him, however, did receive one from his wife which was acknowledged. The reply to [REDACTED] advised her that the Bureau is an investigative agency and does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization publication or individual. Appropriate reprints and a copy of one of Mr. Sullivan's speeches were furnished to her. [REDACTED] was appreciative for the above information and said he would communicate with his wife regarding the above.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
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April 22, 1963

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 16th and appreciate the interest prompting you to communicate with me.

The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Mr. William C. Sullivan, an Assistant Director of the FBI, has lectured to many groups throughout the country concerning communism. However, in view of the above policy, neither he nor any FBI representative has either endorsed or criticized the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is a copy of one of Mr. Sullivan's speeches together with some other literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (5)

American Heritage, Methodism, Communism, and the Future (Sullivan)  
Let's Fight Communism Sanelly!

"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"

Christianity Today Series  
The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Neither correspondent nor [Redacted] can be identified

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[REDACTED]  
April 16, 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In a recent conversation with [REDACTED] we informed us that  
"the F.B.I. has never come out against the National Council, but  
in fact has sent a Mr. Sullivan around the country extolling their  
virtues."

If this is a function of the F. B. I., to boost the National Council  
of Churches, do you have any copies of the materials Mr. Sullivan  
used? We are vitally interested in the F. B. I. views on this sub-  
ject. Please send me all materials available setting forth Mr.  
Sullivan's views and all other material available through the F.B.I.  
or its representatives, which promote the National Council of  
Churches.

Yours very truly,  
[REDACTED]

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DMW*

DATE: 4-15-63


FROM : D. C. Morrell *DM*

SUBJECT: 

Captioned individual, who cannot be identified in Bufiles, wrote on April 9th stating she had recently heard Assistant Director William C. Sullivan speak at Greenville, South Carolina. She stated that she was alarmed at his "soft on communism" attitude and claimed that he stated there was no infiltration of the National Council of Churches and that the visiting Russian clergymen were sincere christians. She asked if Mr. Sullivan is seeking favors from the Administration.

Correspondent's statements are insulting and completely inaccurate. Mr. Sullivan has been contacted and has stated that he was completely misquoted. In early April, he made a number of appearances in this area and we have recieved numerous communications commending Mr. Sullivan's speeches and his factual and rational approach to the communist problem. Correspondent's communication is completely contrary to other letters we have received.

OBSERVATION:

It is obvious that  is unfairly attacking Mr. Sullivan and that she already has extreme preconceived ideas concerning communism. Any effort to give her factual information would make no impression on her since she has already made up her mind. Her letter is insulting and inaccurate and does not merit a reply from the Director

RECOMMENDATION:

That no reply be made.

1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure

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RESPONSE *JH*

April 9, 1963

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director FBI  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently we heard Mr. Wm. G. Sullivan, Asst. Director of the [redacted] give a lecture in Greenville, S.C., on Communism in the Churches. We were greatly alarmed at the "soft on Communism" attitude which he seemed to hold. He stated that he felt there was no infiltration in the National Council of Churches, and also quoted your writings to prove that you felt there is no infiltration in religion. He neglect to read portions of your writings that certainly prove otherwise. Mr. Sullivan stated that the church group from Russia who recently visited in our States were sincere Christians. This conflicts with Peter Derubin's testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. When questioned about the NCC's stand for abolishing the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and also their stand on disarmament, Mr. Sullivan pretended not to know of such a move.

Could it be that Mr. Sullivan is seeking favors from the Administration by voicing their policy? It disturbs me greatly to hear this information expressed from FBI Headquarters as we felt this was the last Government Agency we could trust.

Sincerely,

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April 15, 1963

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 9th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the FBI, being strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can inform you, however, that the National Council of Churches has never been investigated by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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[REDACTED]

Apr 9, 1963.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

This is a letter of inquiry. Will you please tell me --Is it true that the National Council of Churches is infiltrated with Communists as Carl T. McIntyre broadcasts over Radio and publishes in his "Christian Beacon"? --He is causing much concern among our true Christian people who are a part of the NCC denominations and from some, he is getting much money to carry on his work --Please help us to know who are the leading Communists.

Thanks so much

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Please help us  
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Thanks so much



COMMITTEE OF CHRIS AN LAYMEN P.O. Box 285, V -land, Calif.

PROGRESS REPORT

APRIL 1963

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The Russian Churchmen, under the guidance of the National Council of Churches, have come and gone. It is interesting to note that the NCC tried to prevent advance publicity of this tour from reaching the public in time to make effective demonstrations against these Soviet agents. They were provided a platform by the NCC from which to put out their propoganda for peaceful "co-existence". We are of the opinion that many Americans are becoming aware of the conspiracy in which the NCC is involved, in trying to build their one world, one church, socialistic society.

Many religious and other publications, carried the long wire we sent, outlining the efforts of the Communist Party, the National Council of Churches, to abolish the House Comm. on Un-American Activities, and to repeal the McCarran Act, the latter requiring Communists to register as agents of the Soviet Gov't. We are indebted to everyone who sent wires and messages to their Congressmen, alerting them to this Communist Plan. Whereas the WORKER, the Communist Publication, had stated that 84 Congressmen would support them, actually only 20 Congressmen did. Only the protests of people like yourselves brought about the switch in voting of the other 64 Congressmen who had previously indicated that they would vote to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

CONTROL OF STATE POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS California: Mr. Karl Prussion, the FBI counterspy in his book, "Calif. Dynasty of Communism, told how Louise Todd, Sec'y of the Political Commission of the Communist Party of Calif., issued a directive calling for the infiltration of the Calif. Democratic Clubs (CDC). The platform issued by the CDC last fall was certainly pleasing to the Communist Party. The CDC, the Am. Civil Liberties Union, the Communist Party, the Los Angeles Fed. of Labor, leaders in churches and minority groups, cooperated with the CDC in the support of the Democratic Party, in defeating Conservative Candidates, as well as Prop. 24. (Communist Control Act. The Communist Party held a victory celebration in Los Angeles on Nov. 30, 1962, celebrating their victory at the polls. Is it not strange that clergymen, affiliated with the Nat'l Council of Churches, would be involved in such an affair? Write Karl Prussion, P.O.Box 913, Los Altos, Calif. for his book - C.D.C. - price 50 cents.

Michigan: The Wall Street Journal 2/26/63, Business Week 2/9/63 and the Worker of 2/17/63, state that Walter Reuther of the United Auto Workers, has taken complete control of the Democratic Party in Michigan. The Reuther brothers, in the 1930's, spent a lot of time in Russia. In a letter written Jan. 21, 1934 from Russia to friends in the U.S. they made the following statements, "We are watching daily socialism being taken from the books on the shelves and put into actual application. Who would not be inspired by such events? --carry on the fight for a Soviet America". ... This entire letter appeared in the August 14 1948 issue of the Sat. Eve. Post. The Rev. Paul C. Neipp has reproduced it in the 1963 issue of the Lutheran publication "March to Victory". Send \$1.00 to Rev. Neipp, 731 N. Sanders Ave., Ridgecrest, Calif. and ask for this copy and a 3 mo. trial subscription to his excellent publication.

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THE PLANNED TAKE-OVER OF AMERICA.. Krushchev, just before his trip to America said: "we cannot expect the Americans to jump from Capitalism to Communism, but we can assist their elected leaders in giving Americans small doses of Socialism, until they awake to find they have Communism. The Democratic Party machinery, in Calif. and



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certainly is in the hands of Socialists planners. The Communist Party supported candidates in many states in the November elections, whom they termed "Peace Candidates", who were supposed to carry out Party objectives. Many were elected. Write the U.S. Printing office for "The New Role of National Legislative Bodies in the Communist Conspiracy". This is a translation of work of a Communist historian, Jan Kozak, outlining how the Party took over Czechoslovakia by legal means. They took over the political organizations, and in this manner placed Communists in control. This is the plan to be used in America. Peaceful co-existence which they are stressing, universal disarmament, etc., is merely a means of providing the time to complete their infiltration and take over.

The leaders of the National Council of Churches, in their drive to bring about a socialistic society, are co-operating with much of the Communist planning. The Communists and the Socialists, according to Nicholas Nyardi, formerly an official in the Hungarian Gov't and now a Prof. at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., says, "the only difference is that one carries a Tommy Gun".

We are going to be co-operating with a number of organizations in arranging to have a representative appear before the Committees of Congress in Wash. D.C. (following the appearance of representatives of the N.C.C. before these Committees, representing 40,000,000 Protestants) to let these Committees know that they do not represent us or most other laymen. Whereas the N.C.C. speaks for 40,000,000 Protestants without having polled the church membership, thus making their statements a complete fabrication, we are polling you, our members, for authority to state that you have been polled by us; that you have never given the N.C.C. the authority to speak for you on any political matter. Will you therefore clip off the Proxy below, sign it and return it to us without fail?

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PROXY

dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1963

I hereby state that the National Council of Churches has never secured authority from me to speak for me on political matters, and that any representation on their part that they have such authority, is a complete misrepresentation of fact. I (do ) (do not ) authorize the Committee of Christian Laymen, Inc. of Woodland Hills, Calif., or such representative as they may delegate, to appear before Congressional Committees in my behalf, to certify that the National Council of Churches, in claiming to represent me among 40,000,000 Protestants is completely without authority; furthermore it is my belief that the church as an organization, should not be taking positions on political matters since that should be the prerogative of each individual church member.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Republican Party in California would do well to determine if Fred Hall, who has been smearing the Birch Society, is a representative of Walter Reuther. According to the papers, he is a member of the C.I.O. George Meany, Pres. of the ALF-CIO, does not go along with Walter Reuther's socialistic ideas. To which wing does Fred Hall belong?

"A 'PAUL REVERE' MESSAGE — SENT TO A FRIEND — SPREAD THE ALARM — DON'T DENY!"

The American Civil Liberties Union, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Americans for Democratic Action, Left-Wing Labor Unions, Liberal Educators and Leaders in

## The National Council of Churches of Christ

are cooperating with the Communist Party in a drive to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and to repeal the McCarran Act which requires Communists to register as agents of the Soviet Government. It is this same group which the Communists are attempting to weld into a solid voting block in order to take control of this Nation by electing Candidates who will follow their direction. Socialism is the catalyst which may make this possible unless you wake-up.

Jan Kossak, Communist historian, tells how the Party successfully took over Czechoslovakia by following this procedure. By all means get this report from the U.S. Government Printing Office, "The New Role of National Legislative Bodies in the Communist Conspiracy" published December 30, 1961.

Every Communist takes the following Oath:

"I pledge myself to rally the masses to defend the Soviet Union, the head of Vicarious Socialism. I Pledge myself to remain at all times a vigilant defender of the Leninist line of the Party, the only line that insures the triumph of Soviet power in the United States."

We offer the following documentation to show the involvement of the above mentioned organizations in support of the Communist Party's objectives of abolishing H.C.U.A. and repeal of the McCarran Act taken direct from the official Communist publication, *The Worker*, unless otherwise stated. Date of issue shown.

- 187 Prominent clergymen, signers of full page advertisement abolish H.U.A.C.—New York Times—Feb. 22, 1962.
- United Auto Workers Union asks H.U.A.C. be abolished — May 8, 1962.
- Americans for Democratic Action attack H.U.A.C. — May 11, 1962.
- Thirteen College editors hit McCarran Act — May 27, 1962.
- Frank Wilkinson leads Communist drive to abolish H.U.A.C. — May 27, 1962.
- Dr. Linos Pauling and Dr. Harold Urey address assembly from 25 states condemning McCarran Act — June 1, 1962.
- Ohio Synod, United Church of Christ Social Action Committee, condemns H.U.A.C. — June 18, 1962.
- 50 Clergymen, educators and community leaders back Communist Youth Festival at Helsinki — June 12, 1962.
- Gus Hall, head of Communist Party, says they are turning public opinion against McCarran Act — June 17, 1962.
- Gus Hall brands J. Edgar Hoover as a liar and McCarran Act as fascist — June 24, 1962.
- 182,000 Michigan Methodists pass resolution urging H.U.A.C. be abolished — June 24, 1962.
- Benjamin Davis, leading Communist, says "1,000 McCarran Acts will not stop Socialism in the U.S." — July 1, 1962.
- Prominent Churchman says "Why should Christians be afraid of fellow-traveling?" — July 22, 1962.
- Communist Party leading fight for democracy, peace, and Socialism — oppose McCarran Act — July 22, 1962.
- Prominent American clergymen and educators attend Moscow Disarmament Conference. — July 22, 1962.
- Los Angeles Federation of Labor condemns Coon Federal Savings opposition to Communism. — July 24, 1962.
- W. H. Ferry, V.P., Fund for Republic, ridicules J. Edgar Hoover as "Spy Swatter." — Aug. 12, 1962.
- California Democratic Council wants H.U.A.C. abolished and China admitted to U.N. — Aug. 12, 1962.
- Chairman of A.D.A. calls for repeal of McCarran Act. — Aug. 24, 1962.
- 53rd Annual Convention of N.A.A.C.P. asks that H.U.A.C. be abolished. — July 11, 1962.
- Communist Party condemns H.U.A.C. investigation of Black Muslims. — Aug. 28, 1962.
- National Council of Churches official delegation give glowing report on Russian Church. — Sept. 12, 1962.
- Elizabeth Gurley Flynn thinks appointment of Arthur Goldberg to Supreme Court to replace Felix Frankfurter will be an improvement. Justice Frankfurter voted with majority to uphold McCarran Act.
- Elizabeth Gurley Flynn says "Californians pleased with Earl Warren as Eminent Legal Authority." (He voted with minority) in 5-4 decision requiring Communists to register. — Sept. 14, 1962.
- Bishop Edgar A. Love of Methodist Church presents petition signed by 128 clergymen to White House calling for repeal of the McCarran Act. — Oct. 7, 1962.
- Bishop Edgar A. Love served as chairman of a committee sponsored by many leading clergymen and attended by top Communist leaders, then accepts position of Trustee of funds raised to fight for repeal of McCarran Act. — Oct. 24, 1962.
- Protestant Clergy praised for their struggle for peace and civil rights — Oct. 28, 1962.
- J. Edgar Hoover condemned for stressing Communist danger when real danger is from the Ultra-right, Dictator and fascism. — Oct. 28, 1962.
- American Civil Liberties Union, Communist Party, Clergymen, organized labor, students and California Democratic Council successfully defeated California Communist Control Act. Clergymen spoke against it from the pulpit and used Church bulletins. — Dec. 21, 1962.
- Communist front organization provides transportation for 100 Colorado University professors to go to Washington to ask that H.U.A.C. be abolished.

Please note that all these organizations use the Communist terminology *House Un-American Activities Committee* instead of the correct name *House Committee on Un-American Activities*.

Are you one of the 40,000,000 Protestants who permit the *National Council of Churches* to use the organization for political purposes including support of the Communist Party's drive to keep from disclosing their membership in the Party by registering? The concern of the *National Council of Churches* leaders for the welfare of *Atheistic Communism* as indicated above is an *anathema and disgrace*. The above facts may be confirmed in any large *Public Library* which subscribes to the publications mentioned.

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A "PAUL REVERE" TRAGEDY—SEND TO A FRIEND—SPREAD THE TRUTH—DON'T DENY IT

## Use of Smear tactics by the Communist Party with an assist from **The National Council of Churches of Christ?**

In November 1960, 81 Communist Parties of the World held a strategy Conference. This followed the riots in San Francisco May 12-14, 1960 where "Operation Abolition" was filmed and which was resulting in a growing Anti-Communist movement in the United States. On December 5, 1960 Moscow issued the "Red Manifesto" calling for the destruction of the Anti-Communist movement in the U.S.A.

### Operation Abolition

R. W. Moor, a Methodist minister, who had not been near the San Francisco riots appeared before the General Board of N.C.C. and contended that the film was propaganda and that the students were not Communist lead or organized. His charges were printed in the January 4, 1961 issue of *Christian Century* which in the same issue ran an editorial "Abolish H.U.A.C." The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights, a communist front, ordered reprints of these articles for distribution to Churches and elsewhere. The National Council of Churches followed up with a 35 page booklet titled "Operation Abolition" of which J. Fulton Lewis Jr. said:

"This is one of the most fraudulent, slanted and intellectually dishonest presentations I have ever seen on any subject."

The Communist Party, The National Council of Churches and affiliated denominations for months carried on a campaign to discredit the film and the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Each was equally vicious in the attack. As a result thousands of Americans were misled by these smears and do not to this day know that the film was a fair and true reflection of what took place. This can be verified by reading House Report 1278 "The Truth about The Film 'Operation Abolition' along with J. Edgar Hoover's pamphlet "Communist Target Youth." Note how closely this smear followed the "Red Manifesto" issued by Moscow, Dec. 5, 1960.

### The John Birch Society

George Tadt, a member of S.A.R. and a Mormon, in his column in *The Los Angeles Herald-Examiner* of February 20, 1962, points out that the John Birch Society is anti-Communist and anti-Fabian Socialist with a reverence for the American historical heritage and free enterprise.

The ideals of the Society immediately placed it as an organization to be destroyed under the terms of the "Red Manifesto" issued by Moscow on December 5, 1960. The terms Birchites and Ultra-Rightists were coined by the Communist Party as smear words. The National Council of Churches and affiliated denominations joined the wolf pack almost immediately. The press following N.C.C., which presumably represents 40,000,000 Protestants, thinking it had a warm scent, fell in behind the leaders. By now the J.B.S. had become, fascists, Birchites and Ultra-Rightists. N.C.C. affiliated clergymen started condemning the John Birch Society from the pulpits without having any factual material to back up the charges. Once again thousands of Americans were taken in by smear tactics.

When the John Birch Society requested a complete and thorough investigation of charges being leveled against it, it was the American Civil Liberties Union who opposed such an investigation. The Chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union for some 30 years was Dr. Harry F. Ward of Union Theological Seminary, identified under oath as a Communist. It was American Civil Liberty Union attorneys who took the School Prayer case to the Supreme Court and won. It was the American Civil Liberties Union which filed the brief with the Supreme Court asking that the McCarran Act, requiring Communists to register be declared unconstitutional.

When Americans will permit members of the Communist Party, the N.C.C. and the A.C.L.U. with their records for taking the 5th Amendment to smear an organization such as the John Birch Society who asked for an investigation in a wire from its headquarters dated March 22, 1961, with a firm promise it would not resort to the 5th Amendment there is something lacking in our makeup. We have permitted the Communist Party and the National Council of Churches to perpetrate another of its vicious smears this time on the John Birch Society.

Gas Hall, head of the Communist Party, in the October 23, 1962 issue of *The Worker* says the danger to this country is from the F.B.I., fascists, Ultra-Right etc. rather than from Communists. What do you think? Yet many accepted his condemnation of the John Birch Society without question. Why?

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A "PAUL REVERES" MR. — SEND TO A FRIEND — SPREAD THE "LARN" — DON'T DENY!  
 Use of Sneer tactics by Communist Party and Clergy affiliated with  
**The National Council of Churches of Christ**

In our Publication No. 56 we outlined the sneer tactics used to discredit the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the film "Operation Abolition" as well as those used to discredit the John Birch Society. The Communist Party was merely carrying out the "Red Manifesto" of December 5, 1960, issued by Moscow which called for the destruction of the Anti-Communist movement in the United States. The leaders of N.C.C. of course offer no explanation for their part in this disgraceful performance. We now give you other examples of sneers.

**Dr. Carl McIntire and 20th Century Reformation Hour**

In the early 1930's Dr. Carl McIntire and his congregation refused to continue further financial support of the Board of Foreign Missions of The Presbyterian Church U.S.A. because of its Modernistic program which they felt was helping the cause of Communism and was contrary to proper spreading of God's word. They then organized their own Board of Foreign Missions in order to control the use of their Missionary funds. This led to Dr. McIntire's being cited for insubordination by his Presbytery.

Dr. McIntire and his congregation had strong feelings in regard to the use of their Missionary funds so it was either a matter of giving in to the Church as organized or withdraw. They chose the latter course and renounced the jurisdiction of The Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The Presbyterian Church U.S.A. then withdrew the rights of Dr. McIntire to serve as a minister in their denomination.

At this point there was no stigma of any sort attached to actions taken by either the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. or Dr. McIntire, it was a case of agreeing to disagree.

Dr. Carl McIntire from the early 1930's has been a militant anti-Communist. The United Presbyterian Church however has chosen to go the route of The National Council of Churches which follows the philosophy of Dr. John F. Bennet, Dean of Union Theological Seminary who has said "The Church should not fight Communism."

Ministers of the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. were the first to start sneering Dr. McIntire by saying "Why let is a defrocked Presbyterian minister" when some layman asked about Dr. McIntire. There was no further explanation so the layman thinking the worst assumed Dr. McIntire probably ran off with someone's wife. This is sneer by omission a very subtle and effective method.

Dr. Carl McIntire has become one of the most effective spokesmen for Bible believing (fundamentalist) Christians by reason of his 20th Century Reformation Hour program which is now carried on some 420 radio stations (Monday through Friday). He is also a militant anti-Communist. This has brought him to the attention of the Communist Party who now in accord with the "Red Manifesto" issued in Moscow, December 5, 1960 are out to destroy his effectiveness. Once again the Communist Party has been joined by many N.C.C. affiliated Clergy in their sneer attack. Just remember who is back of this attack and do not help by repeating a sneer.

**Many N.C.C. affiliated Clergy preach Anti-Anti Communist Sermons**

The first few months of 1962 many N.C.C. affiliated clergy preached sermons which ridiculed charges that Communist influences were making themselves felt in American Churches. We have instances of clergymen stating in their sermons that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover made statements at Valley Forge supporting their statements. We also, however, have in our files a letter from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover denying his having made the statements attributed to him at Valley Forge. There were enough of this kind of anti-Anti Communist sermons preached to cause us to suspect that word must have gone out to the clergy to preach such sermons. Here is an anti-Anti Communist Poem which has appeared in Church publications as well as in Communist publications.

**A Modern Vigilante.**

I sneering fancy as a spy  
 That I smell the F.B.I.  
 Right now I'm making little lists  
 of folks I think are Communists.  
 I have no proof of anyone,  
 and yet the lists are loads of fun,  
 All friends of foreign aid, I think,  
 must be set down as rather pink.

A little pinker, not far off,  
 I list, perforce, the College prof,  
 and pinker yet the College Crowd  
 That leads the Bill of Rights  
 out lead.  
 U.N. supporters, as I've said,  
 are also lips fast red;

And redder still, on my red list,  
 are all the integrationists.  
 Just for good measure in my list,  
 I add a few of my good neighbors.  
 Then I rejoice that loyalty  
 Resides alone in you and me —  
 Although, before my work is through,  
 You may, good friends, be lined up.

It is time for Americans to learn the nature of Communism. It is also time for the clergy to aggressively oppose this atheistic conspiracy called Communism if we are to save our Country as a free nation. Are you doing your part.

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## ***We Need Your Financial Support***

Many publications and organizations are now reproducing the copy in our Publications with the result that we are reaching many thousands of people. Dr. Carl McIntire on his "Twentieth Century Reformation Hour" program has publicized our Committee a number of times over his chain of some 430 radio stations.

We are rapidly becoming a source of documentation for many organizations who are in this fight. We use great care in our documentation and file a copy of every publication with the F.B.I. and the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

As our effectiveness has increased the demands upon us have also increased drastically. Our single page reprint is easily read and digested.

We are now in a position to expand our effectiveness in proportion to the financial support that you give us. How much is freedom worth to you?

"Where a man's treasure is, there his heart is also." If you believe in our Republic and religious freedom we urge you to show it by regular contributions to those who are working to alert America. We are one of these organizations trying to mark your financial support.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 2nd has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI, being strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In this connection, I can assure you that the church groups you mentioned have not been investigated by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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April 2, 1963

The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen,

A member of our Church Council is under the impression that the National Council of Churches is on a "Subversive List." Would you please advise us as to any substantiation for such an implication?

It would be helpful to the Church Council if you were to comment on the Florida Council of Churches as well as the National Council of Churches.

Very truly yours,

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April 2, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 26th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

I regret I am unable to help you in this instance, but it may be of interest to you that the FBI has not investigated the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Several inquiries have been received in the past about the United Council of Churches (UCC) which cannot be further identified in Bufiles or a directory of religious organizations. The most recent outgoing dated 8-11-60 answered an inquiry about the United Council of Churches as though it were the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC). The note on the yellow indicated correspondent was apparently referring to the NCCC.

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J. Edgar Hoover Offices  
FBI U.S.A.  
Gentlemen

Will you please mail me a report on The United Council of Churches especely their Affilation with the Communes Movement. If they work in any way to weakon the security of our Nation Is there any good in the National Council of Churches. I have been a church official for 38 years. I may have been misslead as to the good they do. If there is any expences I am to Pay mail Collect or I will Mail Check for the Same



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J. Edgar Hoover, Officer  
F. B. I. U. S. A.


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**NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. His enclosures relate to a controversy in his area about the National Council of Churches. Correspondent and his three high school associates defend the NCC against an anonymous flier questioning the motives of that organization. The newspaper clippings were letters to the editor and indicate the probability of a debate regarding the National Council of Churches.**

April 1, 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I write representing myself and three of my high school colleagues. We are presently engaged in the public defense of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. in our community of [REDACTED]. I have enclosed copies of all the articles which have appeared in our local paper concerning the recent distribution of a flyer of which I have also enclosed a copy.

In our study concerning such attacks against the National Council, and the American clergy in general, we have run across a number of statements made by yourself concerning such right-wing efforts and their adverse effect on our society. We respectfully request that you, or some member of your staff, send us some statement which we may use in our attempt to overcome any damage which these people may have caused.

Yours most respectfully,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

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The following flyer was placed on a number of cars parked near many of the churches in Greenfield on Sunday, March 10, 1963, during the Morning Worship hour. It appears here in full.

## A T T E N T I O N !

### C I T I Z E N S O F G R E E N F I E L D

"Does the National Council of Churches in the U. S. A. speak for you Church and you"

1. When it engages in the escorting of Communist clergymen around our country?
2. When it calls for the recognition of Red China?
3. When it endorses the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities?
4. When it accepts a Socialist-Communist Economic Creed?
5. When it calls for "peaceful Co-existence" with the "peace-loving" Communists?
6. When it urges the abolition of security laws?
7. When it calls for the abolition of all committees investigating communism?
8. When it seeks to discredit Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I.?
9. When it drives for a one-world Socialistic government?
10. When it seeks to "buty" the Air Force Training Manual?
11. When it urges the discrediting of the film "Operation Abolition"?
12. When it calls for banning nuclear testing, even unilaterally if necessary?
13. When it supports increased foreign aid (and continued aid to Communist countries)?
14. When it calls for the surrender of the West if asked to do so by that anti-Christ Khrushchev?
15. When it urges the reading of Communist, pro-Communist and pornographic literature in order to "understand" the Negro-American?
16. When it supports the Castro Revolution and even finances the "Preacher of the Castro Revolution"?
17. When it calls the concept of nuclear retaliation contrary to Christian principles?
18. When it endorses the abandonment of SEATO?
19. When it substitutes the "Social Gospel" for the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
20. When it supports the Law-violating "Freedom Riders" in the South?
21. When it sponsors the World Council of Churches which has communists on its central committee?
22. When it takes a stand on a major political issue with a quorum of only 20 members needed and pretends to be the "voice" of 40 million Protestants?
23. When it maintains its actions to be the "Christian Position"?
24. When it urges admission to the World Council of Churches of the Communist-dominated Russian Orthodox Church?
25. When it urges the acceptance in the World Council of Churches of all the Russian and Chinese "show-case" churches?
26. When it demands repudiation of the Final Report of the National Lay Committee?

WELSH AMERICANS - WAKE UP WOULD YOU; RATHER BE RED OR DEAD

# Letters to the Editor

March 14, 1963  
Produce the Facts

To The Editor:

Sunday morning after church I also found one of those handbills concerning the National Council of Churches. I glanced at it then put it in my pocket and forgot about it. Monday evening as I read The Reporter I noticed an open letter to the citizens of Greenfield, written by four young fellows from the high school. My interest was stirred, so I read the handbill to see what it was all about.

Now I have a couple of questions to ask — 1. How did these four young men determine that the "citizens" who distributed the handbills, were of the right-wing faction of the community, instead of the left-wing or something else? 2. Why does the author or authors of the pamphlet give us such a narrow choice ("would you rather be red or dead"? I will never be red and I'm not afraid to die, but I would rather live. Isn't it possible to live without being red?

In the Reporter Tuesday evening



NO SUM, THIS — James M. 72, is shown in police headquarters in Passaic, N.J., where he was taken when police, who thought he was a drunk, found him curled up against a stone slab at entrance to a ramshackle tenement. Then he showed \$3,688 in cash he had with him, and bankbooks showing \$47,000 in deposits. Not only that, but he owned the tenement where the police picked him up.

there was another letter on the same subject by the pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church. He denies

To the Editor  
March 13, 1963

"Looked Before We Leaped"

We have "looked before we leaped" and are thoroughly willing to stand our ground (as stated in our letter of March 11, 1963) against any who would take the position of those who distributed the anonymous flyer.

We feel that the spirit exemplified in the flyer which attempted to degrade the National Council of Churches is detrimental to the spiritual, political, intellectual and social well-being of our community. We, therefore, challenge the distributors of the anonymous flyers to disclose their sources of information used and quoted and to identify its origin and authorship. We also ask that the argument be written in clear and precise language without the introduction of ambiguous and abusive terms.

William D. Herod,  
David W. Whitton,  
David E. Lynch,  
Laurens E. Smith.

The National Council of Churches  
March 19, 1963

Dear Mr. Editor:  
Regarding the recent letters in

the Greenfield Reporter concerning the National Council of Churches.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to you for giving this subject space and time in the Greenfield Reporter.

I am appreciative of this and of our freedoms of speech, press, and religion which we have in this wonderful country. It is also fine to see these young men are interested in these matters.

I am willing to identify myself as the one who distributed the handbills, "Attention Citizens of Greenfield, Does the National Council of Churches in the U. S. A. Speak for You?"

I am therefore publicly identifying myself and willing to openly and publicly debate you my challengers in the true spirit of our Constitutional Democracy.

They may contact me at any time by mail and present their resolution. We hope that an agreement of terms can be reached at that time.

Very respectfully yours,  
J. E. Bodaly.

P. O. Box 11,  
Greenfield, Ind.

having anything to do with the charges against the National Council of Churches.

By this time I suppose there are quite a few of the citizens of Greenfield and Hancock County who are interested in seeing these "facts." Please print them in the paper so that we may all see what kind of

Letter to the Editor  
Fellow-citizens: March 15, 63

In response to last evening's "Interested Reader" we would like to offer a few of our reasons for suggesting that the distributor of Sunday's handbill (which still remains anonymous), concerning the National Council of Churches, represent a "right-wing" faction of our community. First, this type of anonymous flyer is highly representative of such a group. Second, the "right-wing" movement of the last few years, has consistently "blasted" the National Council and much of what it stands for. Third, the views actually stated in the letter are representative of (and in some instances are actually attributed to) such acknowledged "right-wingers" as Billy James, Hargis, and Robert Welch. Fourth, we have been informed that the letter has circulated through the country for some time, and that it is first known to have appeared under the sponsorship of a segregationist organization in Mississippi! It is our opinion that the distribution of a document with such a background could have been sponsored only by persons with an "ultra-ultra-conservative" attitude.

A vicious attack has been made on an organization for which we have great respect. We have asked the supporters of that attack to make themselves known, document their arguments, and openly debate their positions. As a group, they have failed to do so. The public should be on guard by now of the inability of our opponents to present any substantial evidence to uphold the insinuation that the National Council is a Communist "front" organization. The public should be on guard in the future against any further attempts to sway public opinion in such a manner.

We have stated our views and offered our challenge to pursue the subject in open, public debate. Until that challenge is accepted, or we are given other provocation to address our fellow-citizens, we remain

Yours Truly,  
William D. Herod  
David W. Whitton  
David E. Lynch  
Laurens E. Smith



# Tellers to the Editor

The following were the names of the community members who were present at the meeting held at the Methodist Church on Sunday, March 15th, 1963.

Yesterday morning many church-goers of our city found their care a letter addressed to Greenfield. Any resemblance to the letter was in essence an obnoxious, biased, contemptible, absurdly undecorous and vicious attack on the National Council of Churches. It consisted of a list of twenty-six points concerning alleged stand of the Council on a number of controversial subjects (controversial due to the prejudiced activity of such as the distributors of the letter).

Who were the distributors? We can only guess. For some reason they did not see fit to identify themselves. The question, as we see it, is not one of the defense or condemnation of the National Council of Churches, but a much more basic and troubling question of the political and spiritual integrity of our community. Will we, as free-thinking citizens of an independent society, allow such a subvert our rights of freedom of expression, let them do so honorably, in full view of the public. To encourage such and to discourage any other degradation of the National Council of Churches we should indignantly challenge them to publicly identify themselves and if they permit their insinuations concerning the National Council's stand on these major issues, to openly debate them in the true sense of our word.

If these people feel that their cause is justified, let them accept the challenge and face public opinion. We are willing to defend on many of the points mentioned in the "hate element" in our community charter and corrupt the New Testament of love for ALL MEN which has survived in the conscience of our faith for two thousand years. In closing, we suggest to the churches of Greenfield that we, "Citizens of Greenfield" in our worshiping God in the freedom of the Constitution of the United States, were these "citizens"? William D. Herod, David W. Smith, Lawrence E. Smith

# March 22, 1963 Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

As pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Greenfield, I am writing to you and to other interested and concerned people of Greenfield. Our church and its pastor had nothing to do with the hand bills that were placed on cars parked near a number of churches on Sunday, March 15th. They were also placed on the cars of our church. Since I will be connected with this because of my letter to the editor of The Reporter a week or so ago, I wish to take my stand as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, do write with taking those questions, and wish to state that the National Council of Churches does not speak for us. I do believe that the handbills to have been distributed. However, I do not believe it was done at the most ethical time. Let me state once again: I do believe that the National Council of Churches has a "stink" from their own leaders' very nasty statements. If the Reporter would like to print them, I will give them a full page of facts. Young gentlemen on Monday 11, 1963, how well did you look before you leaped?

Raymond A. Ford  
Pastor Bethel Baptist  
Church, Greenfield, Indiana

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April 8, 1963

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Honorable John Sparkman  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Your letter of March 28th regarding an inquiry from your constituent, [redacted] [redacted] has been received. [redacted] by letter dated March 28th, has inquired directly of me in the same vein. With respect to his question about the National Council of Churches, I regret I am unable to help you since the FBI has not investigated this organization.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: We have had limited but cordial correspondence with Sparkman, both as Congressman and Senator.

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

March 29, 1963

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
 Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A constituent, [REDACTED], has requested me to obtain a report from the FBI concerning opposition by the National Council of Churches to continuation of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

I will appreciate receiving any information which you may have on this subject.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

*John Sparkman*  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated March 28, 1963, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of this policy, I have not made any statement either criticizing or endorsing the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (5)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

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Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism

An American's Challenge, 10-9-62

The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

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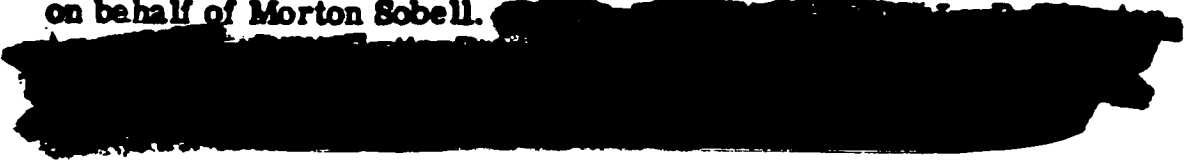
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**NOTE: Bufiles contain no indication of prior correspondence with correspondent. He was a signer of an appeal to the President on behalf of Morton Sobell.**



March 23, 1963

Mr. Edgar J. Hoover,  
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

We are in the midst of the Sunday Evening studies series on "Communism". Our general text for the meetings is the book by Dr. Prentiss L. Pemberton entitled "Christians Face the Total Menace of Communism". The other evening the statement was made that you had publicly condemned the National Council of Churches because of certain personnel involved in its staff. I would appreciate it if you would verify this or give me a statement relative to your opinion of the National Council of Churches and our national concerns about communism.

Incidentally, this has been a very interesting and revealing study series in our church life.

Very truly yours,

*[Redacted signature]*

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April 1, 1963

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked March 25th, with enclosure, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to answer your inquiries but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you. The stamped, self-addressed envelope you so thoughtfully furnished is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (6)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
Internal Security Statement, 4-17-62  
LEB Introduction, 4-61  
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
The Communist Party Line

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J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, F BI  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reports are circulating in many parts of our country about the Communist affiliations of some members of the World Council of Churches, and of clergymen in general.

Will you please indicate how accurate the charge is that our ministers are Communist?

Reports are also circulating that the National Council of churches is entertaining Russian Churchmen who are Communists and are trained in upholding the Communist doctrines and are promoting them in the US, and are likewise engaging in espionage.

Will you please indicate something of the accuracy of these reports.

Sincerely

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March 27, 1963

Information Section  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

National Council of Churches

I am writing in the hopes of obtaining some direction in receiving documented facts on the recent clergymen (?) visiting the United States at the invitation of the N.C.C. It is my understanding that certain member(s) were from the Secret Police of Russia, or at least under their direction and domination.

Can your office shed any light on this subject for my information?

The threat of Communism as related by Mr. Hoover in his book "Masters of Deceit" has proven to be a real eye-opener, and I would like to follow up my own investigation, as best is possible for an American to accomplish, with some substantiating facts.

Does the F.B.I. provide or publish any specific information readily available to the citizen?

Thank you for your consideration of my requests,

Sincerely,

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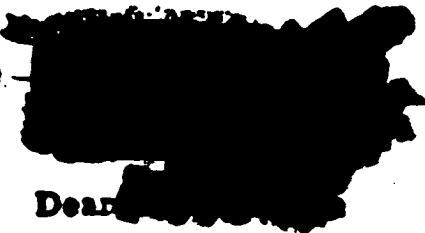
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Your letter dated March 27, 1963, has been received

Although I would like to be of service, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to answer your inquiry but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

It is encouraging to know of your interest in learning about communism. The best way to fight this evil menace is to study it and understand its objectives and methods of operation. But it is not enough to merely be against communism. We must exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you. Perhaps you will also want to read my new book, "A Study of Communism," which should be available at your local public library. It traces the history of communism since its inception and contrasts this subversive conspiracy with our own heritage of freedom.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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- Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
- Letter: Fight Communism Sanely!
- Internal Security Statement 4-17-62
- The Communist Party Line
- One Nation's Response to Communism
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